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BRITISH BUDGET.

DOUBLE FORECAST SURPLUS.

DEATH DUTIES & WINDFALLS.

Reduction In Sugar Duties.

INCOME TAX NOT TO BE REDUCED.

Mr. Churchill said that last year's Budget had succeeded in spite of adverse circumstances.

There would have been a deficit for the third year in succession but for the continuance of the Government's economy campaign. Ten and a half million sterling had been saved by Government departments.

The standard rate of Income Tax is not to be reduced but the statutory allowances for children are raised to £50 for the first child and £50 for the others, compared with £36 and £27 at present, costing £2,100,000 this year.

Mr. Snowden and Mr. Lloyd George (both ex-Chancellors of the Exchequer) formally congratulated Mr. Churchill on a "very brilliant achievement" and "extremely fine performance," particularly in the relief of rates.

A tax of 4d. per gallon on imported motor spirits will be put into operation immediately.

In consequence of this tax British and American oil advanced on Wednesday in price, wholesale and retail, in all the leading brands of motor spirit by 4½d. and kerosene 4d. per gallon.

Heavy oils are not to be taxed.

The estimated surplus for 1928-29 is £18,741,000, which includes last year's appropriated surplus and other preliminary provision for rating reform.

Mr. Churchill spoke for three hours.

London, Yesterday.

Mr. Winston Churchill Chancellor of the Exchequer made his Budget statement in the House of Commons this afternoon. He said the Budget of last year had succeeded in spite of adverse circumstances.

There would have been a deficit for the third year running but for the continuance of the Government's economy campaign. Ten and half million sterling had been saved by government departments.

Encouraged by the success of last year he proposed to repeat the



Mr. Winston Churchill.

process and to save money wherever possible in administration.

They had done well during the year in the repayment of debt.

The new sinking fund had been raised to the unprecedented figure of £65,000,000.

In addition, the Budget had borne the payment of more than £15,000,000 for the accrued interest upon saving certificates.

The nominal deadweight of debt on April 1, 1928, was £7,527,000,000. He had found £28,000,000 more for the redemption of debt than had Mr. Snowden, the Labour Chancellor of the Exchequer had done in 1924.

The position for dealing with future conversions had been greatly improved by what had been accomplished in the past.

National Debt.

Dealing with the general treatment of the problem of the national debt, Mr. Churchill said he proposed to return to the policy instituted in Disraeli's Government by Sir Stafford Northcote and to establish a fixed debt charge. He proposed to put the figure at £385,000,000 yearly. Payment of this sum every year would extinguish the external and internal debt, including our debt to the United States without any addition to the present taxation, in a period of fifty years.

notes with the Bank of England note issue would take place this

year and a bill for this purpose would be introduced at the earliest convenient date.

The total expenditure for 1928 was estimated at £306,195,000. The expenditure on the consolidated fund services was placed at £396,000,000 and of the total supply services at £407,000,000. The total expenditure, compared with the estimate of £383,390,000 last year and of £38,585,000 actually spent.

Proceeding to the estimate of the revenue on the existing basis of taxation, the Chancellor of the Exchequer said the customs and excise revenue moved forward by two or three millions yearly in accordance with the growth of population and the general maintenance of consuming power.

Beer, Spirits and Betting Taxes.

He saw a chance of recovery in revenue from beer, which had emboldened him to repeat his estimate of last year.

The revenue from spirits, on the other hand, must be expected to resume its continuous deficit.

The increased duty upon tobacco under Industries Safeguarding Act showed an increase. He expected a yield of £3,750,000 this year from the betting tax against £2,700,000 last year.

Tea Duties.

The yield of duties on tea and sugar in the coming year might be expected to respond to the slow forward movement of consuming power.

Customs and Excise.

Mr. Churchill proposed a few minor changes in customs and excise duties. He proposed to raise the excise duty on British wines, instituted last year from one shilling to 1/6d. per gallon, yielding £55,000 this year and £70,000 in a full year.

As from April 28, he proposed to levy a customs duty on mechanical lighters and excise duty on homemade lighters. This would yield £40,000 this year but its object was to preserve revenue on duty from matches from which we get several millions yearly by curtailing the use of mechanical lighters.

Cinema Films.

He also proposed a very small adjustment in the customs duty on cinema films, in order to place British Empire films on the same footing as those produced abroad by British companies. This was estimated to yield about £350,000.

The Committee appointed under the Safeguarding of Industries procedure had recommended a customs duty on buttons. Therefore buttons used for fastening or decorating apparel would be subject to duty of 33 1/3 per cent. ad valorem from April 28 but that would not mean that buttons already on imported garments would be charged. The duty was estimated to yield £100,000 this year and £200,000 in a full year.

Income tax, which would

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HIGH TRIBUTE.

To Missionaries In China.

FROM ARCHBISHOP.

Compared With "Martyrology Of The Early Church."

London, Yesterday.

The "extraordinarily high character and record of the missionaries in China," received a tribute from the Archbishop of Canterbury at a meeting of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

His Grace said that some of the incidents and perils faced by men and women in recent years, were only paralleled in the martyrology of the early church.—Reuter.

"TWO VILLAINS."

CHINESE MERCHANT SUES A LOCAL BANK.

SPECIAL JURY SITS.

"The villains of the piece."

This was how counsel referred to two Chinese brothers, concerned in an Original Jurisdiction case this morning and in referring to their surname, counsel called them the "two Foks."

Plaintiff is a Chinese merchant, 68 years of age and very deaf. Defendants are Thos. W. Simmons & Co., Ltd., a California firm formerly with an office at York-building, Chater-road, Hong Kong, and the Bank of Canton, Ltd., Hong Kong.

Counsel had advised plaintiff to use an ear trumpet in Court but plaintiff had replied that he had one and it only made a rumbling noise!

Four Barristers Engaged.

Mr. Fok Kam-chuen, principal of Fook Lee, a hardware firm in Hillier Street, asked for a declaration that no interest had passed to Thos. W. Simmons & Co., Ltd. in an assignment dated Feb. 22, 1921; and that no interest had passed to the Bank of Canton in an assignment dated May 21, 1921.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C. (instructed by Mr. E. Davidson of Messrs. Hastings, Denny & Bowley) led for the plaintiff, for whom Mr. H. G. Sheldon also appeared. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C. and Mr. F. C. Jenkin represented the defendants jointly.

Special Jury Hith.

A special jury was empanelled, this being one of the few occasions on which a special jury sits. The jury comprised Messrs. P. Tester (foreman), Wong Kam-fuk, Wong Kwong-tin, J. H. Taggart, R. Rodgers, P. W. Parker and J. Oram Sheppard.

The name of Mr. J. Hennessey Seth was called but Mr. Potter pointed out that Mr. Seth had been appointed by the Court the first liquidator for Simmons & Co. Mr. Wong Kwong-tin apologised because he was two minutes late through missing a ferry.

\$280,000 Involved.

Mr. Potter said that the case involved every piece of leasehold property which plaintiff held in the Colony, worth about \$280,000. This property had been assigned to Messrs. Simmons in the first instance and then by Messrs. Simmons to the Bank of Canton. Plaintiff maintained that his signature on the first document was a forgery and, accordingly, that the second document was null and void.

Reference was made by Mr. Potter to the various paragraphs in the statement by the defence. The first was that the defence did not admit that the signature was forged.

"So many cases of fraud had been alleged by one party against the other in recent cases," said Mr. Potter, "that it is a pleasure to find that no such allegation was being made in this case."

Very Gross Fraud.

Certainly there had been very gross fraud, said Mr. Potter, but there was no charge against the plaintiff at all.

Mr. Potter submitted to His Lordship, the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) that paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 in the statement of defence—even if true—were no answer to the case. He reserved his right to argue on the law in this respect.

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TSINANFU FALLS.

Surprise Capture By The Kuominchun.

DANGER IN SHANTUNG.

"Christian General" Steals March On Nationalists.

Shanghai, Today.

Troops of Feng Yu-hsiang, the "Christian General's" Kuominchun, entered Tsinanfu yesterday afternoon from the south-west with practically no resistance by the demoralised Northern troops who are now expected to break up and flood the north of Shantung province, with tens of thousands of deserters streaming across the country to Chefoo and Weihai-wei with resultant lawlessness and brigandage.

Feng Yu-hsiang's forces commanded by General Lu Chung-lin advanced through Cheng-tsing-hsien. His entry into Tsinanfu ahead of Chiang Kai-shek, who is held up in the vicinity of Tai-an has caused considerable perturbation among the Nationalists.

Reuter.

The "Christian General" has probably stolen a march on Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists. The former's advance is easier as he is facing Sun Chuan-fang whose army is scattering. Chiang Kai-shek has been held up on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway by Chang Tsung-chang's men. Further news and earlier reports which lead up to the fall of Tsinanfu will be found below.

STUBBORN FIGHTING.

Northerners Holding Out At Tai-an.

Northern spokesmen claim that Tai-an, the last city before the Yellow River, is still holding out. Cables from a Shanghai source refer to assaults on three conse-

"OVERCAST, RAIN."

East winds, fresh moderate; overcast, some rain, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

The anticyclone has strengthened and is now central to the south of Tokyo. It still dominates the map.

cutive days by the Nationalists on Tai-an. But while Nationalist reports show traces of exaggeration, it appears that if Tai-an has not fallen, its capture by the Nationalists is imminent.

An important factor in operations is the rapid shortening of the front this week.

Front of 50 Miles.

When the Nationalists renewed their offensive this month—calling it their Second Northern Expedition—they struck on a hundred miles' front along the southern frontier of Shantung province. On their immediate west, Feng Yu-hsiang's (i.e. the "Christian General's") Kuominchun operated on a line running from the north-west to the south-east, about 40 miles long.

Now the Nationalist front is less than 40 miles long. The Kuominchun column in Shantung has a front only 10 miles wide.

The War Zone.

Army corps from the Nationalist right and left wing have been transferred to the centre to reinforce the drive on Tai-an.

The war area is now in Lat. 36 N., between the Grand Canal and the Tientsin-Pukow Railway and also slightly to the east of the railway. The "Christian General's" men are on the west, nearer the Grand Canal, and the Nationalists under Chiang Kai-shek in the railway zone.

Stubborn fighting on three days is reported on a line (south to north) from Kufow and Szeshui (near Yenchow) to Tai-an, with heavy casualties on both sides, states the "Kung Sheng Yat Po."

Tawenkow, 10 miles south of Tai-an, has been entered by the Nationalist centre column.

Kuominchun Column.

Following the course of but south of the Yellow River, the Kuominchun column which is co-operating with the Nationalists in Shantung, was marching north-eastward with the Tientsin-Pukow Railway (at Tsinanfu) as its objective.

Feiching is in approximately the same latitude as Tai-an and 15

THE C.M.S.N. CO.

Treatment of Their British Officers.

COMMONS' STATEMENT.

No Pay Since November: "Borderland Of Starvation."

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons, Comdr. Kenworthy drew attention to the position, which he described as on the "borderland of starvation," of British officers in the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company's service in China, whose wages had not been paid since November, with reference to which he declared the Nationalist authorities were taking no action.

Mr. Locker Lampson said that further and more vigorous representations were being made to the Nationalist authorities.—Reuter.

YUNNAN GENERAL.

FOUND WITH DRUGS ON PERSON.

A REMAND.

Yeong Chung-ching, a respectable looking Chinese who was stated to be a Yunnanese General who had been on a mission to Canton, and was passing through Hong Kong on his way to Nanking, was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy with the unlawful importation and possession of 15 grains of morphia and 50 grains of heroin on the waterfront yesterday. He was arrested after he had come off the Canton boat.

Mr. H. A. Taylor, Government Monoplist and Analyst, prosecuted, whilst the defendant was represented by Mr. L. D. Turner.

Mr. Turner said that as Mr. G. R. Sayer, Superintendent of Imports and Exports would like to see the defendant, and he (Mr. Turner) would have to get witnesses from Canton, he would ask for a remand.

Replying to the Magistrate, Mr. Turner said that he was not denying physical possession of the drugs, but the defence was that the defendant did not have guilty knowledge. The defendant was carrying the drugs in a small parcel in the streets when he was arrested. The parcel was given to him by a friend, and he did not know its contents.

Hearing of the case was fixed for 11.30 a.m., on Saturday. Bail in the sum of \$2,500 was extended.

GOLD MINE ATTACK.

BRITISH SUPERINTENDENT DODGES SANDINO.

REACHES COAST SAFELY.

New York, Yesterday.

Mr. Amphlett, mentioned in a previous telegram as superintendent of the American gold mine at Laluz, escaped from Sandino and has arrived safely at Puerto Cabezas on the coast of Nicaragua.—Reuter's American Service.

miles east of Tai-an. Sun Chuan-fang tried to hold the Kuominchun at Feiching.

The Northerners' line was both thin and short, mainly astride the Tientsin-Pukow Railway and a little to the west of it.

Two Other Fronts.

According to a series of Chinese cables, the Northerners have been doing well on the other two fronts.

At the boundary between Chihli and Honan provinces, the Northern army is still said to be attacking Changte and talk of disension in the Nationalist Kuominchun's ranks is still rife. (Other reports to this effect in the past have not been confirmed.)

The Kuominchun is quoted as asking the Wu-Han Nationalists for early assistance on the Peking-Hankow Railway.

Further north, the Manchurian troops on the west of Chihli are said to be making progress against the Nationalist province of Shansi, the object of the Northerners, here being to penetrate outside the Great Wall into Shansi.

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CANTON'S BANKNOTES.

THEIR STABILISATION.

A BIG TASK.

Sir Robert Ho Tung And A Loan.

FINANCIER INTERVIEWED ON CANTON VISIT.

The local morning newspaper representatives, having button-holed Sir Robert Ho Tung before he landed from the "Fatshan" on Monday evening and having obtained a few particulars relative to his Canton visit, the representative of the "China Mail" had a more leisurely interview with him in his office yesterday when Sir Robert chatted as freely as he possibly could at the present stage of the negotiations on the business part of his visit.



Sir Robert Ho Tung.

Sir Robert Ho Tung met the "China Mail" representative with characteristic courtesy in his private office, and it was soon evident that he was quite willing to impart as much of the important business that had occupied his attention in Canton as he possibly could at present. Obviously details could not be mentioned—but sufficient was said to indicate conclusively that in this stabilisation of Canton's note issue Sir Robert felt assured that he would be doing something that would be good for Canton.

It is, of course, indubitable that with Canton's currency problem satisfactorily settled, business generally will improve and the commercial relations of the two ports assume something more like their old normal appearance.

Satisfied.

Asked by the "China Mail" representative if he was satisfied with the appearance of affairs in Canton generally at present, Sir Robert answered that he believed that he would feel justified in entering upon the business which he had been asked to conduct. His visit to Canton had been primarily personal, in response to Marshal Li Chai-sum's invitation; and the business part of it had come at the request of Marshal Li.

The nature of the business referred to a loan from Sir Robert to the Canton Government, and, knowing this, our representative inquired whether Sir Robert felt disposed to mention the sum involved.

Personal Loan.

Sir Robert thought that at present he would not care to mention figures. He added, however, in answer to another query, that if the loan were negotiated it would be one in which he was personally interested and in no way associated with any of the commercial concerns with which he was identified.

Sir Robert was not inclined to express his views on the political aspect of either Canton particularly or of China generally, nor did he appear to have any "bet-ter convictions" as to whether Canton was "likely to witness a recurrence of Communism." He was hopeful of a more stable state of affairs for Canton and Kwangtung and with that in mind as his private office, and it was soon evident that he was quite willing to impart as much of the important business that had occupied his attention in Canton as he possibly could at present. Obviously details could not be mentioned—but sufficient was said to indicate conclusively that in this stabilisation of Canton's note issue Sir Robert felt assured that he would be doing something that would be good for Canton.

Clearly, Canton seems to be as soundly stable as it could possibly be and given financial assistance, such as Sir Robert Ho Tung hopes to give, it should soon be launched on a wave of prosperity beneficial to Canton and Hong Kong alike.

Sir Robert courteously informed our representative that as soon as he could do so he would impart details of his loan to the "China Mail."

Round Table Conference.

Asked whether his "Round Table Conference" was still in his mind, Sir Robert answered that he was as ever optimistic regarding it. Evidently Sir Robert is an idealist as well as an acute financier. To the layman it is, of course, difficult to say which is uppermost in Sir Robert's mind. He (the mere layman) is inclined to believe that Sir Robert is both. If so, he is, of course, precisely what many other notable businessmen have been and are namely, Mr. John Rockefeller and others of the past, not to mention others perhaps better known locally to us.

Kwangsi's Roads.

Sir Robert also informed the "China Mail" representative that he had had an exceedingly interesting conversation with General Wong Shao-hung, Kwangsi's Governor, regarding Kwangsi's progress in motor-road building.

Most people will be surprised to learn, as Sir Robert himself admitted that he himself was surprised to be informed, that at the present moment the neighbouring province of Kwangsi has 4,000 li (1,300 miles) of motor roads, and that by the end of next year

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26th	5.55	6.48
27th	5.54	6.48
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Hong Kong, 23rd April, 1928.

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"Sunning" Piracy Commission, the Piracy Prevention Ordinance of 1914 has been repealed, anti-piracy measures being left more largely to the discretion of those concerned with shipping. It is gratifying to record that the good work of the Officers who recaptured the "Sunning" has been fully recognised, and that they received decorations with which they were recently invested by Your Excellency. (Applause).

Language School.

The Chamber's Language School met with more success last year than in recent years and for almost the first time since its inception covered expenses. The benefits of a knowledge of the Chinese language have so frequently been stressed by my predecessors that there can be no need to enlarge thereon. Suffice it to say that the modern tendency of the Chinese merchant to speak English in no way lessens the advantage of a knowledge of the language of the country by foreign merchants. Even a superficial acquaintance must assuredly assist us to appreciate more fully the Chinese viewpoint, thus facilitating business, smoothing over difficulties, and leading to a more sympathetic understanding. The possibility of transferring the Chamber's School to the Hong Kong University was fully considered, but it was found impossible for the average business man to attend classes at the University during forenoon office hours. It was therefore decided that the Chamber should continue to conduct the Chinese Language School on the lines followed heretofore. The University have kindly promised to assist us in the matter of inspection and examination.

With the growing needs of modern travel, the growth and development of Kowloon and the New Territories, and the certainty of road development in China in the not distant future, the need for a vehicular ferry across the Harbour is becoming increasingly apparent, both for transport of cargo and of private motor cars. The troubles in recent years have acted as a stimulus to cultivation of foodstuffs in the New Territories, and while this tends to make Hong Kong less dependent upon the Canton Delta, the cost of transporting from the New Territories to the Island of Hong Kong is nearly if not quite as high as from West River ports, while the delay and many handlings are undesirable in respect of perishable goods. The importance to the port of keeping handling charges as low as possible in respect of cargo generally is self-evident.

Harbour Improvements.

During the past year improved cross-harbour communication has been under consideration by the Government, and while a vehicular ferry cannot be expected to be self-supporting at the outset, it is apparent that modern facilities of transport are necessary if we are to maintain our position as the gateway to South China.

The tonnage of foreign-going shipping using the port, which dropped from 38,000,000 in 1924 to 28,000,000 in 1926, rose to nearly 37,000,000 in 1927, indicating a steady return of trade to Hong Kong. The number of vessels showed a proportionate increase. It is fitting to take this opportunity of congratulating the Harbour Office on its promptness in issuing its annual report. Reports from Government Department lose much of their value and interest if they are not available until a considerable time after the period covered.

Although in the dark days of 1925-26, it was difficult to maintain confidence in the future of Hong Kong, shipping statistics, returns of Public Utility Companies, and the expanding Government revenues, all point to an era of renewed prosperity, and we can look forward with hopefulness to the future. I cannot do better than recommend a careful study of the review given by His Excellency in Council when introducing the Colonial Budget for 1928. This survey, covering thirty years helps one to take "the long view," for it shows that Hong Kong has more than once safely weathered a time of stress. The review has been reprinted in full in the report as we considered members would appreciate having this valuable document made readily accessible.

Trade Statistics.

The absence of Trade Statistics since September 1925 has been felt by merchants and others to be a handicap and a retrograde step in this, one of the world's great ports. The decision to close the department was made at a time when economies had to be effected even at a sacrifice, and the opinion was expressed that the cost of compiling these statistics was excessive. During the coming year the new Commission, and if this is done we shall no doubt receive a sympathetic hearing. Later on this afternoon the Committee will be glad to hear any comments members may wish to make on this subject.

Owing to the fact that the "Daily Bulletin" has ceased publication several members have asked whether commercial telegrams could not be obtained and circulated by the Chamber. This matter is now being investigated and it is hoped to circularise all members in a few days with a definite proposition. The cost will not be great if adequate support is received.

The natural Harbour of Hong Kong is our principal asset and treasured possession. On that account we must see to it that everything pertaining to the control of the Harbour is managed in keeping with modern requirements and to the credit of Hong Kong. Your Committee therefore welcomed a letter from the Colonial Secretary in September, 1927, advising that the Government had under consideration a proposal to establish a Harbour Board for Hong Kong. The subject was subsequently discussed fully at a conference in November which the Harbour Master was authorised to attend. It is undoubtedly desirable to effect closer co-operation not only between Government and commercial interests, but also between the numerous Government departments connected with the control and development of the port. The only doubt which arose in the course of the Committee's discussions was whether a body with limited authority and limited terms of reference would be found effective.

Finances Sound.

In consequence of a vacancy on the Legislative Council caused by the resignation of Mr. H. W. Bird, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, at that time the Chamber's representative, was nominated to a seat by His Excellency. At a general meeting of members on May 10 last the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes was

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SHIPPING SECTION.

THE LIFEBOATS.

PRINCE AND WAR MEMORY GIFTS.
SEVENTH IN CENTURY.

"Please express to the committee of management of the Royal National Life Boat Institution assembled to-day under your chairmanship our sincere appreciation of the loyal sentiments contained in their message. Watching as I do with unfailing interest the progress of the institution, I rejoice to know that its high traditions have been fully maintained during the past year, and I congratulate those to whom you will present awards for gallantry and for distinguished services."

The Prince of Wales read this message from the King at the annual meeting of the Royal National Life Boat Institution, over which he presided, at the Central Hall, Westminster. Appealing for help in the provision of motor lifeboats, the Prince suggested that there might be generous persons who would like to present one of the boats under construction and give it a name selected by themselves, perhaps the name of someone who made the supreme sacrifice in the war. If so he would personally welcome such a gift.

A notable feature of the gathering was the presentation to Coxswain Henry Blogg, of Cromer, of a clasp to the institution's gold medal—the "V.C." of the service—which he previously won in 1917. Coxswain Blogg is the only man alive and the only Coxswain in the history of the institution, as well as the first man since 1848, to receive the double award. Two other gold medals were presented—the first time since 1914 that three gold medals had been won in a year, and only the second time since 1851.

The Prince, in his address, said he regarded the lifeboat service as one in which the very best qualities of our race were expressed, not in one supreme effort as in war, but in a constant, year to year, day and night output of heroism, endurance, and humanity.

"Since my recent appointment to the high office of Master of the Merchant Navy and of the Fishing Fleets," he continued, "I am even prouder than before to be in the chair, because this second title gives me yet another link with this great institution and with its crews, which are the very pick of that splendid body of men—our fishermen" (Cheers.)

Whether they looked to the material output in the construction of new lifeboats and allways, or to the value of the lives saved, the society was in the happy position of always returning a high rate of interest.

The work of the crews was carried out mostly in the darkness of winter nights at remote spots on the coast, and often nothing further was heard of it than a few lines in the local newspapers. It therefore required some imagination

tion to realise what the service really meant.

Gallant Medallists.

Referring to the presence there of men who had specially distinguished themselves during the year, the Prince said that they came from widely different parts of the coast, and were therefore very typical, not of particular crews, but of the stamp of men to be found at every one of the institution's stations. This year they represented an exceptionally brilliant group of services.

They had "the rare pleasure" of welcoming three gold medallists. The three recipients were: Second Coxswain William Roberts and Captain Owen Jones of the Moelfre (Anglesey) lifeboat, for their work in connection with the rescue of the crew of the ketch Exed, on Oct. 21 last, and Coxswain Blogg, of Cromer, for the rescue of fifteen men from the Dutch steamer Georgia, on Nov. 22 last year. (Cheers.)

"Coxswain Blogg," said the Prince, "who, I can see, is known to all of you, also holds 'the V.C.' of the service" for the magnificent rescue of the crew of the Swedish steamer Fernabo in January, 1917. In the course of 104 years this double honour stood to the credit of only six other men—Colonel Sir William Hillary, the founder of the institution, who earned the gold medal three times, and five other men, all of whom were lieutenants in the Royal Navy and Coastguard officers. "Blogg's achievement," said the Prince, "is one which confers honour not only on himself, nor only on the splendid crew which he leads, nor even only on the Norfolk stations which have a magnificent record in the annals of the lifeboat service, but on the whole service, whose spirit he so splendidly embodies" (Cheers.)

In a reference to Coxswain Fleming, of the Great Yarmouth and Gorleston lifeboat, who was awarded the silver medal, the Prince said, "He already holds the gold medal for splendid service to the Hopelyn in October, 1922, and the bronze medal earned on another occasion. In fact, it might seem as if Coxswain Fleming was a collector of medals, and he wanted to have the complete set—gold, silver, and bronze." (Laughter.)

Illustrating the endurance of the crews, the Prince mentioned that the Southwold rescue lasted thirteen hours, the Moelfre boat was out for seventeen hours, the Great Yarmouth and Gorleston crew were working for twenty-one hours, and the Cromer men for twenty-eight hours. Since that date the Ramsgate men, in the rescue of the crew of the trawler "Cyclone, of Boulogne," were fighting for the lives of the crew for upwards of thirty hours. During the year 354 lives in all were saved by lifeboats and shore boats.

Saving Homes.
"I personally," continued the Prince, "have never had the very unfortunate experience of being shipwrecked, but should this ever befall me, and I happen to be included in the number of saved, any doubts I might have had of the justification of this organisation would very quickly have flown. In fact, I should consider that the institution had never been more fortunate in its beneficent work than on the occasion when I was saved." (Laughter.) The institution not only rescued lives, but saved homes from the shipwreck of poverty and destitution which followed on the loss of the breadwinner.

At present some eighteen motor-lifeboats were being built—seven for England, six for Scotland, three for Ireland, and two for Wales. This was part of the institution's aim of transforming the fleet of pulling and sailing lifeboats into one of motor-boats. The wisdom of this was obvious. Except in the cases of the Moelfre lifeboat, nearly all the most successful rescues had been carried out by motor-lifeboats. The motor-boat could work against wind and tide and could get to the wreck in half or a quarter of the time.

In making an appeal to the whole nation the Prince pointed out that the institution was providing and maintaining the whole of the lifeboat service round our 5,000 miles of coast for a sum which, including capital expenditure, amounted to less than £250,000 a year—a very small fraction of the cost of one battleship.

Surely, he concluded, it was not too much to ask this maritime people to give the quarter of a million a year required for this great undertaking, the finest outcome of the service of the sea.

His Royal Highness then presented the awards, offering his personal congratulations to each man as he came forward to have the medal pinned to his breast. In addition to these four medallists, St. Mary's (Isles of Scilly), Dr. W. E. Ivers, of Bryher, Isles of Scilly, bronze medal; James T. Lethbridge, second Coxswain, and T. H. Rokahr, motor mechanic, lifeboat at St. Mary's, Isles of Scilly, bronze medals; Matthew Lethbridge, Coxswain, lifeboat at St. Mary's, Isles of Scilly, silver medal; Mr. Charles Jenkins, of Bryher, Isles of Scilly, silver medals; three other men, all named Jenkins, bronze medals.

Lowestoft (Suffolk).—Albert Spurgeon, Coxswain, Lowestoft lifeboat, silver medal.
Moelfre (Anglesey).—William Williams, Bowman, representing crew of lifeboat at Moelfre, Anglesey, each awarded bronze medal.

Cromer, Great Yarmouth and Gorleston, and Southwold.—Frank Upcraft, Coxswain lifeboat at Southwold, bronze medal; George Balls, second Coxswain Cromer lifeboat, representing the crew, each awarded bronze medal. The French Ambassador expressed gratitude on behalf of his country for the services of the institution's boats in saving French sailors. Other speakers were the Rt. Hon. Philip Snowden, M.P., Dame Caroline Bridgeman, Sir William Milligan, Sir Godfrey Baring, and Sir Richard Williams-Bulkeley.

WARSHIP EXPLOSION

EXPERTS PUZZLED AS TO CAUSE.

At the inquest, at Devonport, on Warrant Engineer Harry Edmund Kent, R.N., and James Geo. Brady, a boilermaker, who were killed by an explosion in H.M.S. "Courageous," the aircraft carrier, the verdict was accidental death, caused by the bursting of a rotor, there being no evidence as to the cause.

Engineer Lieut.-Commandr. W. J. Cole said that the accident occurred during the trial of a bilge pump. He could give no theory why the pump burst. There was no evidence of any faulty material. Engineer Commander G. B. Allen was also unable to suggest any cause of the accident. There was no indication of any old fracture or flaw. It was his opinion that the disc had burst, the two parts going in different directions and damaging other parts of the machinery.

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NOVARA	5,252	30th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
KEYBER	9,114	7th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
RAWALPINDI	10,953	21st July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
NANKIN	5,252	28th July	Miles, L'don, A'werp, E'dam & H'burg
KASHMIR	5,252	4th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
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*NOVARA	5,252	22nd May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*DEVANHA	8,155	11th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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*MIRZAPORE	6,715	24th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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TAKADA	8,949	7th June	Amoy, Shanghai, Kobe & Osaka.
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H.K. CHAMBER.

(Continued from Page 3.)

Agnes, we should find the squalor
and discomfort of life intolerable.
Our modern standards of comfort
and the evolution of our present
civilisation have been mainly the
result of labour, commerce and
finance working in co-operation; and
what we need for the future is an
increasingly intelligent and skilful
use of the apparatus for social pro-
gress which has already been or-
ganised all over the world by this
co-operation of labour, commerce,
and finance. The better these ele-
mentary facts are understood, the
less will be the menace of commu-
nism, which aims at suddenly
destroying by "world-revolution"
all that has been won for human-
ity by the slow growth of the exist-
ing social order and at the violent
substitution of an artificial and ar-
bitrary tyranny of the proletariat
the evil fruits of which mankind
has watched with horror in Russia
and in some parts of China, almost
at our doors, as for example
Swabue.

Appeal Of Communism.

Communism, however, makes a
strong appeal to the "have-nots"
and to the illiterate or semi-edu-
cated classes. It is, therefore,
very important that all men of
goodwill in all countries should
unite to expose its fallacies and
above all to show that the exist-
ing social system is capable of fur-
ther orderly development for the
benefit of the labourer no less than
of the financial magnate. The aim
should always be to increase the
productivity per capita of the popu-
lation, for this means a decrease in
price-levels and therefore a greater
purchasing power of wages and
consequently a rise in the stand-
ard of living of the people. If pro-
gress is to be made in civilisation,
it is necessary for the standard of
living in every community to be
raised continuously. Accordingly
the policy of industrial manage-
ment should be steadily directed
towards an increase in the ratio of
wages to the general level of
prices. The successful prosecution
of such a policy, as exemplified
in recent years in the United States
of America, affords a complete and
practical refutation of Bolshevist
and communist propaganda, not by
words, but by facts. Therefore,
situated as we are in Hong Kong,
with the threat of communism very
imminent and very real, I earnestly
commend this matter to your
study.

There is another subject of the
utmost importance to the future of
British trade in China, upon which
I touched when I addressed you at
your annual meeting on March 25,
1926. I now mention it again be-
cause very little progress has been
made in the interval. It is in my
opinion essential that Britons
whose lives are likely to be spent
in Hong Kong should acquire a
competent knowledge of the Chinese
language. Now since the 1st
January, 1927, there has been es-
tablished in the Hong Kong Uni-
versity a School of Chinese. It is
attended by the cadet officers of
the Hong Kong Government and
several missionaries have studied
there. But I regret to say that the
School has received no support
from the British mercantile com-
munity here resident. I again urge
with all the strength I can that,
unless an Englishman can speak
Chinese, he is not likely to gain a
real insight into Chinese manners
and customs, and that in his own
interest the British merchant who
trades with the Chinese ought to
learn the Chinese language.

Chinese Language.

I note what you have said, Mr.
Chairman about the Chamber
Language School and especial-
ly your statement that it was found
impossible for the average business
man to attend classes at the Uni-
versity during forenoon office
hours. But I would observe that,
so far as the University is con-
cerned, classes in the afternoon
could easily be arranged. The
forenoon was proposed chiefly be-
cause, if a man is to do himself
justice in the admittedly difficult
task of learning Chinese, he ought
to receive tuition at an hour when
his faculties are fresher and
keenest, that is to say in the
morning before the day's work
and the day's heat have
tired him. Surely in this matter,
as in so many others, where there
is a will there is a way,
and the advantages to be
gained are so obvious, and the
risks to be avoided so great, that
I have no hesitation in pressing
the Chamber to reconsider care-
fully this most important subject.
Furthermore, it is in my opinion
absolutely necessary that a real at-
tempt should be made to break
down the social barriers which now
exist between the European and
Chinese communities here resident
and that the leaders of both com-
munities should unite to found both
in Hong Kong and in Kowloon
social and sports clubs which will
be meeting places for the young
men and the trippers of all ele-
ments in the population of this
Colony. So long as the Chinese
and Europeans here resident at-

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Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	FOOKSANG	Sat., 28th Apr. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	YUENSANG	Sun., 29th Apr. at 7 a.m.
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other, continue to move in different
worlds, neither having any real
comprehension of the mode of life
or ways of thought of the other,
so long will commercial, social and
political conditions in this Colony
continue to be unstable and un-
safe. This again is a matter in
which all men of good will of every
race should combine to work out a
satisfactory solution, and I hope
that the members of the Hong
Kong General Chamber of Com-
merce will show the way.

Other Business.
On the proposition of Mr. A. L.
Shields, seconded by Mr. W. A.
Hannibal, the following were elected
to serve on the Committee:—
The Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, the Hon.
Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Messrs. B. D.
F. Beith, N. S. Brown, Paul Lauder,
C. Gordon Mackie, T. E. Pearce, F.
A. Percy, T. G. Weill.

New Members.
On the motion of Mr. T. G.
Weill, seconded by Mr. J. M. de
Roché, the election of the follow-
ing members elected during 1927
was confirmed:—The Hon. Dr. R. H.
Kolewall, C.M.C., Messrs. Bitzer &
Co., The China Underwriters, Ltd.,
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Post Office Hours.
On the Chairman asking if any
member had any matter which he
wished to bring forward Mr. P. W.
Massey said that the closing of the
mails at the Post Office at 5 p.m.
often caused some hardship when
the mail steamer was leaving early
the following morning. He asked
whether mails could be taken up
to a later hour.

The Chairman replied that their
Secretary had interviewed the
Postmaster-General and in the cir-

cumstances mentioned the mails
could remain open till 6 p.m. or 7
p.m. without much difficulty.
Thanks to the Committee.
Sir Henry Pollock: I should like
to thank the members of the Com-
mittee for the excellent work which
they done during the past year.
The Chairman, on behalf of the
Committee, acknowledged Sir
Henry's thanks.

The Chairman.
At a meeting of the General
Committee held subsequently, Mr.
T. G. Weill was elected Chairman
for the ensuing year, and Mr. C.
Gordon Mackie Vice-Chairman.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benroch"
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don, Straits and Philippines is due
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lish Mails, and is due here to-
morrow at about 8 a.m.
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sailed from Aden on March 26 and
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Shanghai for this port yesterday at
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The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
Russia" arrived at Yokohama on
April 13 at 3 p.m., left Yokohama
on April 19 at noon, and is due at
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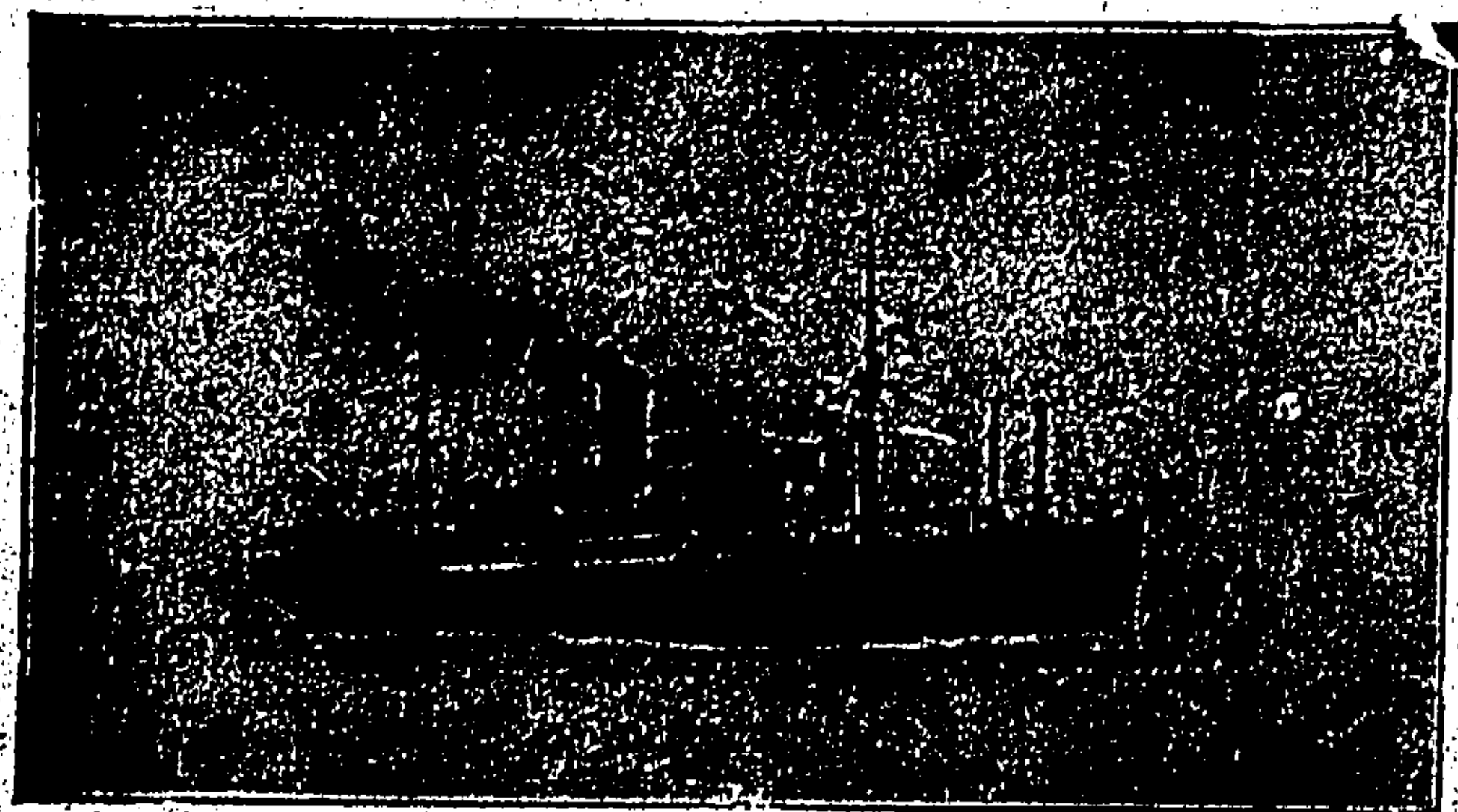
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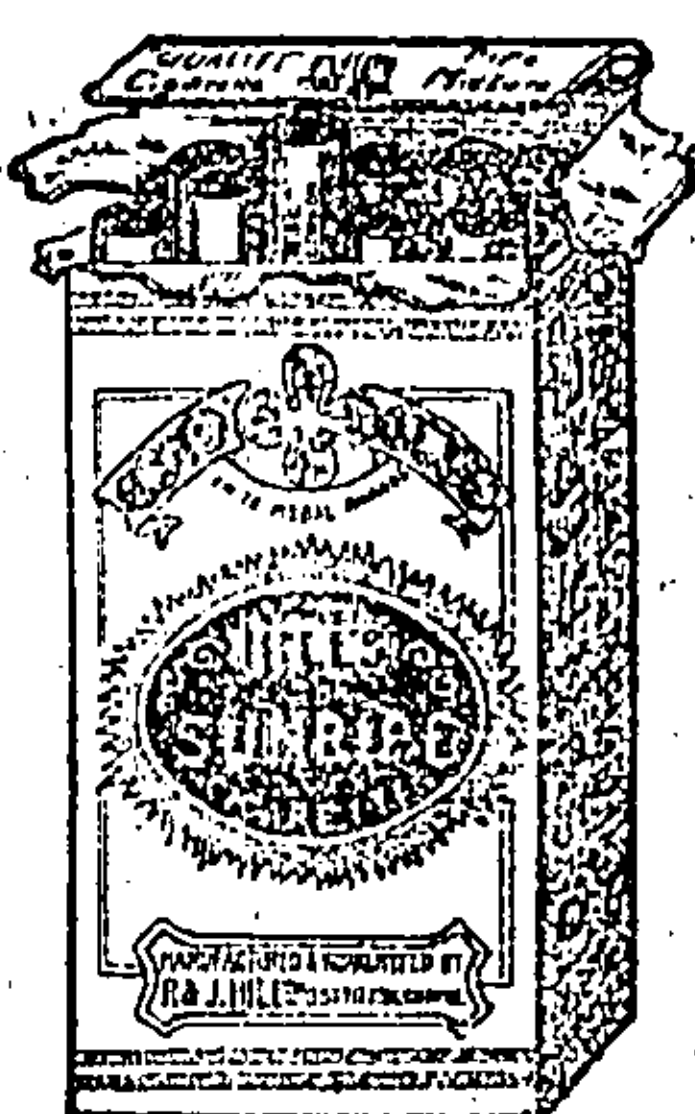
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DEATHS.

CHATER.—On March 23, Edith
Mary, wife of Colonel Vernon
Chater, of 24, Walton-street,
London, S.W.

GILES.—On March 26, at The
Bushes, Outlands Chase, Wey-
bridge, Bertram Giles, C.M.G.,
until recently His Majesty's
Consul-General at Nanking,
aged 54.

HILL.—On March 20, at Rickmans-
worth, Grace, widow of Rev.
Isaac Hill, youngest daughter
of the late William Denison,
Knight of the Netherlands
Lion, of Java, aged 91.

ISEMONGER.—On March 20, at
Weymouth, Louisa Sophia,
widow of E. E. Isemonger, for-
merly Colonial Treasurer,
Straits Settlements, and daughter
of the late Sir Benson
Maxwell.

JONES.—On March 23, at Chil-
wick, Shem Jones, late Ac-
countant of the Chartered
Bank of India, Australia, and
China, London, aged 67.

Hong Kong, Wednesday, April 25, 1928.

THE CHAMBER.

The wish is always father to
the thought, but there was more
than the expression of this senti-
ment behind the solid tone of
optimism that pervaded the ad-
dresses delivered at the annual
meeting of the Hong Kong Gen-
eral Chamber of Commerce yester-
day afternoon. In a word or
two, business is indeed better
and prospects are brighter than
they have been for a few years.
If this was not so, our representa-
tive commercial men would not
have spoken as they did. The
chairman, in his review of the
past year's activities, touched

with all his remarks it is difficult
to agree. It is hardly true, for
instance, that our relations with
our neighbours in China have
undergone a complete and agree-
able change within the past
twelve months. So far as Canton
and the Kwang Provinces are
concerned, he was, of course, cor-
rect, but the same cannot be said
of our relations with the Nation-
alists proper, as witness their re-
fusal to co-operate in regard to
a settlement of the Nanking Rape.

Another point deserving of
comment is the reference to the
need for a vehicular ferry. Trans-
port facilities between the
island and the mainland are notori-
ously inadequate and it is gen-
erally admitted that there should
be an improvement as early as
possible. But the vehicular ferry
idea is not one which has gained
for itself the support required to
push the scheme to a successful
conclusion. Why does not the
Chamber, then, adopt the sugges-
tion we have made in these
columns time and again to the
effect that a tunnel beneath the
harbour should be constructed?
All cross-harbour transportation
difficulties would at once disap-
pear. This tunnel would ad-
mittedly prove more costly at the
outset than would the inaugura-
tion of a vehicular ferry service,
but it would be more lasting and
would serve more than one useful
purpose. Further, its initial cost
would be its only cost.

With most other things in the
chairman's and other speeches
we find ourselves in accord. The
Chamber at all times has a dif-
ficult and arduous task and fully
deserves every feeling of satisfac-
tion to be derived from the im-
provement in trading conditions
generally in this part of China.
It was pleasing to observe that
acknowledgment was made of the
services of His Excellency the
Governor in cementing the ties of
friendship and goodwill between
the Colony and our neighbours at
Canton, and it was also a matter
for gratification that Sir Cecil
Clementi's wholehearted interest
in the work of the Chamber did
not pass unnoticed. With His
Excellency's remarks regarding a
fuller spirit of co-operation be-
tween ourselves and the Chinese
we propose to deal to-morrow.

Britain And Egypt.

It is doubtful if any country has
been more affected by the idea of
so-called self-determination than
Britain. It is one thing to say
that few countries are less able to

enter upon what is generally in-
cluded in that idea. For cen-
turies Egypt has been ruled in a
very lax manner, and the views
entertained by her so-called re-
formers have not tended to improve
matters. The justice and firm-
ness introduced into Egypt by the
British in the exercise of their
sovereignty has been all to the good
of the Egyptians and particularly
to the thousands of foreigners re-
sident there. But the Egyptians
or rather the agitating element
within their midst, misled by self-
determination heretics, are to-day
noisily opposing what in their
hearts they know to be the best
policy for their country, simply
because it does not emanate from
themselves. The British would be
very glad to see the Egyptians rule
their country according to the
precepts of justice and equity, but
they have much too big a financial
stake in the country and the
Sudan to look on mildly while the
lawless among the Egyptians set
about doing injury to themselves,
their country and to the many for-
eigners in their midst. Therefore
no unprejudiced person, no matter
how much he may feel disposed to
sympathise with a people's right to
determine their own destiny, (as
far as they can determine it) can
honestly say that the British Gov-
ernment, in opposing the inade-
quate laws that Egyptian legisla-
tors are at present considering are
going beyond their rights in Egypt.
We have the controlling power in
the Suez Canal besides having
other vast interests in Egypt and
the Sudan, and it is therefore in-
cumbent upon us to see that the
justice and equity for which we
stand is not thwarted by the ill-
considered and selfish agitators
that to-day would do incalculable
harm to the country.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A KOWLOON PETITION.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—As a Kowloon resident, will
you allow me to express through
your columns my personal apprecia-
tion (and that of my family) of
the most able leading article you
published yesterday dealing with
the children's playground difficulty
at Kowloon. I fully agree with
what you say regarding it being
the Government's duty to find a site
suitable for a playground some-
where near Kowloon Point. The
cry of "too late" is, in my mind,
nonsensical, as is the opinion ex-
pressed in a paper this morning
that application should have been
made for a site twenty or thirty
years ago. At that time Kowloon
Point was a waste and no-one then
had any idea of the wonderful
growth that was to take place.

In expressing my appreciation I
advance the suggestion that you
keep "pegging away" in your
columns on this matter of a play-
ground for our children. It is not
a question of the Government being
unable to find a site; they won't
attempt to find one because there
does not happen to be one sticking
right under their noses.

You can do good work in this
direction and may succeed where
the K.R.A. (which of course is not
representative of Kowloon residents
or Kowloon opinion) has failed.

I would also suggest that if the
Government does not adopt a rea-
sonable attitude at to-morrow's
meeting and promise to try and do
something, you should conduct a
petition throughout Kowloon pray-
ing for the acquisition of a suitable
site for a children's playground
somewhere within the residential
area of Tsimtsanui.

The site you suggest, where the
military are now, would be ideal,
and would serve a more useful
purpose as a playground than as a
stabling, which is what a part of it
is now. Besides, who wants the
soldiers right in the middle of the
town? I am sure they would pre-
fer to be a little further out where
they would have more room for
sports, etc.

In connection with the petition
which I have suggested to you and
which I am sure all Kowloon res-
idents would sign, I take it that this
could be forwarded to the Secretary
of State if the Government persists
in maintaining its queer "too-late"
attitude.

Yours, etc.,

KOWLOON RESIDENT.

Hong Kong, April 25, '28.

[The suggestion of a Petition is
certainly feasible and might prove
an effective one. We will give it
further consideration after it is
known what happens at the meeting
of the Legislative Council to-
morrow.—Editor, "China Mail."]

FOOLISH SOLDIERS.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—The frequency with which
soldiers of the Queen's Regiment
have been appearing in the local
police court of late on charges of
breaking shop windows certainly
leads one to surmise that all is not
well with the internal affairs of
the regiment. There is, of course,
nothing wrong, it is of course the

INSPECTOR BROWN.

LEAVING COLONY ON RETIREMENT.

15 YEARS' SERVICE.

Having retired from the Hong
Kong Police Force after fifteen and
a half years' service, Sub-Inspector
A. E. T. Brown is leaving the
Colony by the s.s. "Morea" on
Saturday.

Inspector Brown joined the
Water Police on October 30, 1912,
and has been afloat on harbour
duties for practically the whole of
the period of his service in that de-
partment of the Police Force.
Previous to joining the Police, Mr.
Brown had been for over 20 years
in the Navy, enlisting when he
was quite a young lad. His last
ship was H.M.S. "Newcastle" on
which he served on the China Sta-
tion prior to transferring to the
Police Force.

Mr. Brown was promoted to the
rank of Sub-Inspector in February
1924. On returning Home he in-
tends settling down in London.

MORRISON HALL.

FOUNDATION STONE OF NEW WING LAID.

DR. T. W. PEARCE.

Dr. T. W. Pearce yesterday, in
the presence of a large gathering,
laid the foundation stone of the
new wing of Morrison Hall at the
Hong Kong University.

The ceremony was made the oc-
casion of a formal farewell to Dr.
Pearce who is leaving for Home on
retirement on Saturday. Mr.
Justice J. R. Wood, presided and
spoke at some length on the work
and future of Morrison Hall. He
also expressed the gratitude and
thanks of all assembled there to
Dr. Pearce for the wonderful work
which he had done during more
than forty years in the Colony.

Other speakers were Dr. E. A.
Middleton Smith, who spoke on
behalf of the University of the
very deep debt of gratitude which
that institution owed to Dr.
Pearce; Dr. S. W. T'so, on behalf
of the Chinese community; The
Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, who spoke
for the community of Hong Kong
in general and Mr. K. C. Chow, one
of the students resident in Morri-
son Hall.

SERIOUS CHARGE.

POLICE CONSTABLE IN TROUBLE.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this
morning, a police constable, Lee
Chik, appeared before Mr. W.
Schofield, on a charge of receiving
and harbouring a Chinese girl 18
years old, between March 31 and
April 23, in a flat at No. 463,
Shanghai-street, without the con-
sent of the girl's parents.

Sergt. Hayward asked for a date
to be fixed for further hearing,
adding that Mr. E. H. Williams,
assistant secretary of Chinese
Affairs, would be present.

Mr. Schofield remanded the case
till next Tuesday afternoon, allow-
ing bail in the sum of \$250.

CANTON AVIATION.

Of the new-styled aeroplanes
under construction in the Aero-
plane Factory of the Canton Avia-
tion Department, two machines
Nos. 16 and 18 have been com-
pleted. Both of these are made for
the training of new aviators, hav-
ing 100 and 80 horse-power motors
respectively, and can ascend or
descend with ease in the same way
as those made in foreign coun-
tries, says the "Canton Gazette."
An experiment in the flying of
these machines was made two days
ago by Hu Kam-yah, chief of the
Military section of the Depart-
ment, and successful results were
obtained.

The forthcoming marriage is an-
nounced between Mr. O. F. Ribeiro,
Jr., No. 626, Nathan-road, Kowloon,
and Miss E. M. Ricci, Italian Con-
vent Hospital.

concern of the regiment and no-one
else, but why should the public be
made to suffer? Cannot the mili-
tary control their own domestic
matters?

It has been suggested, I see, that
the soldiers are doing these foolish
things so as to get out of the Army.
If this is so, why do they want to
get out? What does it all mean?

Yours, etc.,

CIVILIAN.

Hong Kong, April 24, '28.

To M. Henderson.—The matter
about which you write is one in
which we obviously cannot assist
you unless your address is disclosed.

FORGING AHEAD.

CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LIMITED.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Directors in their report in
respect of the year ending Decem-
ber 31, 1927, state:—

Profit and Loss Account.—After
placing \$95,725.70 to reserve to
meet unexpired Marine risks,
\$32,727.75 to meet unexpired Fire
risks and \$5,258.21 to meet un-
expired Accident risks, a net
amount of \$19,467.74 has been
transferred to the credit of Profit
and Loss Account in respect of the
year's working, which amount to-
gether with \$49,631.48 (part of
the sum of \$65,500 standing in last
year's Balance Sheet to the credit
of Premium on Shares Account) re-
duces the debit to Profit and Loss
from \$116,382.46 to \$47,243.24.

The balance of Premium on
Shares Account of \$15,818.62 has
been applied to write off the two
items appearing in last year's
Balance Sheet under the headings of
Preliminary Expenses and
Underwriting Commission.

Life Assurance Business.—Life
Assurance applications received
during the year amounted to
\$4,643,268. Life Policies were
issued for \$4,140,623 at Annual
Premiums of \$233,767 and applica-
tions for \$227,920 were declined.
The remainder were postponed or
in course of consideration at the
end of the year. The Life Premium
Income after deduction of Reassur-
ance amounts to \$377,953.64.
The sum of \$26,642.39 was writ-
ten off Life Establishment Account
which is thus reduced to \$126,-
006.36.

In accordance with the Articles
of Association, Messrs. Allan
Cameron and Li Tse-fong retire,
and, being eligible, offer them-
selves for re-election.

Since the last meeting Mr. C. B.
Brooke was appointed an addi-
tional Director, by the Board and
in accordance with the Articles of
Association, he also retires, and,
being eligible, offers himself for
re-election.

The accounts for the year have
been audited by Messrs. Love,
Bingham & Matthews, Chartered
Accountants, and Messrs. Percy
Smith, Seth and Fleming, Incor-
porated Accountants, who, being
eligible, offer themselves for re-
election.

UNION INSURANCE.

FINAL DIVIDEND OF 16s. RECOMMENDED.

The Union Insurance Society of
Canton, Ltd., announce that sub-
ject to audit, the Directors will re-
commend the payment of a final
dividend of 16s. per share and a
bonus dividend of 6s. per share for
account of the year 1926. They
will further recommend an interim
dividend of 24s. per share for ac-
count of the year 1927, and a bonus
of 20 per cent. on contributory pre-
mium.

LIFE ASSURANCE.

Australia has not entered the
field in The National Mutual Life
Association of Australasia Ltd.,
having sent Mr. John E. P. Walker,
with a record of 40 years' service,
to organise business in its behalf.
This office, established in 1869, was
the originator of the Nonforfeiture
principle and is also noted for its
Excellent Bonuses. Its Branches
and Agencies encompass the Em-
pire. The local office is in the
China Bank Building, Queen's-road.

CENTRAL BANK.

Preparation has been made by
the staff of the Central Bank since
the past week for the restoration
of the exchange of its bank-notes,
and according to the information
obtained from the said bank, steps
have been taken for simultaneous-
ly re-starting the business in its
branches in the various districts,
in order to widen the circulation of
the banknotes—"Canton Gazette."

DO YOU KNOW?

To-day's List of Little Posers.

From day to day in the "China
Mail" appear half a dozen questions
of a general nature, for which
acknowledgment is due to the
"Daily Sketch." Answers will be
found on page 9 of this issue.

1. How many stones did David
choose for his fight with Goliath?
2. What is a reredos?
3. Can you name the last three
books of the Old Testament?
4. To what country did Raeburn,
the artist, belong?
5. In which portion of the Bible
is this phrase: "And I saw a new
heaven and a new earth?"
6. In what game is the term
"opening gambit" used?

BRITISH BUDGET.

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remain at the existing standard rate of 4 in the £ would yield £235,000,000. He estimated that the gross revenue on the existing basis of taxation, with the aforementioned material changes at £312,497,000, making a prospective surplus of £5,302,000.

The Chancellor then entered upon what is described as the most controversial part of his speech. He said an unsatisfactory picture was presented by the heavy British industries, in which unemployment taxation or "Rates," had directly increased the cost of production and affected the competing power of these industries at home and abroad. According to the latest ascertained figures of the colliery districts showed a net loss of working and yet the coal industry was being required to pay several millions a year in Local Government taxation. Frequently depressed industries left a heavily taxed arena and thus threw an increased burden of taxation on the industries remaining. Some relief of production from local taxation was urgently needed.

A Mass Manoeuvre. He had therefore proposed to the Prime Minister that as a concluding financial effort in this Parliament, he should try to form a mass manoeuvre of between twenty and thirty millions sterling yearly for a great operation upon Local Government taxation. The Government had completed their plans and legislation required for this purpose must inevitably become the most important measure of its kind during the last session. He had to find a substantial amount of new revenue to carry out the policy. He did not suppose any one would have much doubt whether we ought to do it. During the 19th century the industrial power of this country had rested on the basis of the coal industry but the 20th century had seen us becoming increasingly dependent upon imported liquid fuel, scarcely any of which was found inside the British Empire.

New Duty on Oil. The Government had therefore decided to impose a new duty of fourpence per gallon on certain kinds of imported oil. The new tax would be confined to the lighter hydrocarbon oils including petrol but excluding heavy oils and lubricating oil. The tax would be imposed as from tomorrow, and was estimated to yield £14,000,000 this year and £17,500,000 in 1929.

Sugar Duty Reduced. In order to balance the extra fiscal burden, which the tax on kerosene might throw upon the consumer, Mr. Churchill proposed to reduce the existing duties on sugar. The duty on all imported sugar would be reduced by the amount equivalent to a farthing in the pound in the retail price. By this means it was possible also to afford relief to British refiners, who had long complained that while the Empire sugar producer had been assisted by preference and when the home grown beet industry had been helped British refiners had been left to engage without assistance in the struggle against competitors domestic and foreign. The reduction of the duty was designed to encourage the importation of raw sugar which would undergo refining in this country rather than the importation of white sugar refined abroad.

Popular Interest in the Budget. London, Yesterday. The House of Commons was crowded this morning, and full of animation in anticipation of Mr. Churchill's Budget speech. Public interest was shown by the long queues at all the public entrances to the House some time before the members met.

A number of banking and other financial authorities occupied seats in the "Distinguished Strangers' Gallery."

The tea duty, which is unchanged, was also agreed to in the remaining budget resolutions, continuing the existing taxes and authorising new ones.

A Half-Penny Per Foot. The Government decision to increase the duty on foreign films by a half-penny a foot is estimated to produce £45,000.

Expenditure And Revenue. In the House of Commons Mr. Churchill balanced his budget according to the new system of accounting.

The expenditure was £727,381,000 and the revenue £761,083,000, leaving a gross total and a prospective surplus of £33,702,000 from which he would take £19,200,000 for various remissions of taxes, leaving a margin of 14,502,000 to be carried forward in a suspensory fund (surplus) to which would be added last year's surplus of £4,239,000 making a total Suspensory Fund of £18,741,000, which would be used to meet ordinary contingencies in 1928 or

POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS BY THE HON. CAPT. SUPERINTENDENT.

CHINESE COMPANY.

All ranks of the Chinese Company will parade at the Central Police Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp on Wednesday, April 25; recruits for Squad Drill, and advanced men for Rifle Exercises and instruction in the care of Arms under Sergeant R. J. Hunt. Dress—Blue Uniform. Cap with white cover, Belt and Frog (no truncheon).

Indian Company. Strength.—The following have enrolled in the Indian Company on April 20:—Constables R.230 Hassan Din, R.240 Amir Bux. Squad Drill.—Recruits will parade at Central Police Station on Wednesday, April 25, for Squad Drill under Sergt. Hunt. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

Flying Squad. The weekly instructional patrol of the Hong Kong section will take place on Thursday, April 26. Fall in at Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress—Khaki. Sharpshooters' Company. Revolver Practice will be carried out at the Kennedy-road Range on Wednesday, May 2, at 5 p.m. Dress—Mufti. Members will assemble on the Range with their own revolvers; no belts or pouches will be required.

Summer Uniform. Members of the Chinese and Indian Companies are warned to get their summer uniform ready; those who are not in possession of same will apply to their respective Equipment Officer.

BETTY BRONSON.

STARS IN NEW PICTURE AT QUEEN'S.

Miss Betty Bronson is to be seen again at the Queen's Theatre in a new picture called "Everybody's Acting." Her superb work in "A Kiss for Cinderella" and "Peter Pan" will be remembered by all cinegoers. In "Everybody's Acting" she has not such a difficult role, but her performance maintains the high level we have come to expect from the clever little lady. The film is about a group of theatrical performers who adopt, with the assistance of a newspaper editor, the baby of one of their number who is shot by a drunken husband. They bring her up carefully until the time she falls in love. In order to impress the girl's prospective mother-in-law, they act the part of rich and titled folk. Betty, however, as the girl, "spills the beans," and man-in-law to-be is very angry. Everything works out capitally in the end, however. "Everybody's Acting" is a pleasing picture and is well supported by a Hal Roach comedy and an interesting news gazette.

A FREE RIDE.

For defrauding the administration of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, a small Chinese youth was fined \$10, with the alternative of 6 days' hard labour, at the Kowloon Magistracy, this morning.

Mr. Winyard, traffic Inspector of the K.C.R., in prosecuting, stated that the defendant was found on the steps of a 3rd class car, when nearing Tai-po station, apparently endeavouring to avoid payment. The defendant admitted having no money.

A 15-year-old Chinese girl named Kwok Fuk-ye, living at No. 119, Queen's-road West, attempted to commit suicide yesterday afternoon by jumping into the harbour from the Praya at Kennedy-town. She was rescued and removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from the effects of immersion.

supplementary demands of local authorities.—Reuter.

The Chancellor's Difficulties. Mr. Churchill said he could not recall any budget which had succeeded despite so many adverse factors. He had to face last year nearly £25,000,000 shortage in revenue (or additional expense, including £3,000,000 for Shanghai, £2,500,000 ordinary supplementary estimates; £3,000,000 loss on excess profits duty, which actually yielded a minus quantity of £3,000,000 as shortage on the betting tax and £5,000,000 failure in the revenue on beer.

Favourable Comment. "Courageous, bold, solid and constructive" are among the adjectives which the morning papers apply to the Budget, the chief surprise of which has been the "plum" offered to parents in the increasing income tax in the rebate on the children allowances.

Mr. Churchill is generally congratulated on concentrating on an effort to lift the burden of the rates from depressed industries. There is some criticism on the petrol tax.—Reuter.

TSINANFU FALLS.

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No Help From Wu-Han.

Hankow, Yesterday. No active support has yet been given by General Chong Chien and General Pei Chung-hsi (the local, Wu-Han, Nationalist leaders) to the Nationalist ally, Feng Yu-hsiang, the "Christian General."

Both these Generals are reported to be at Changsha, in Hunan. They were recently visited by representatives of the Szechuan General, Yang Sen.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Yang Sen has an independent government. Discussion between his emissaries and the Wu-Han Nationalists may point to an understanding between them instead of an alliance between Wu-Han and the "Christian General."]

Tsinnanfu's Fate.

Peking, Yesterday. The capture of Tsinnanfu by the Nationalist Allies is expected momentarily, the Northern forces in Shantung appearing to be incapable of offering any resistance to Feng Yu-hsiang's and Chiang Kai-shek's victorious advance.

Fifteen thousand survivors of Sun Chuan-fang's Northern Army are falling back from Ningyang, endeavouring to reach Tchchow and are planning to join up with the Manchurian forces, but seemingly have again been cut off from the north by the Nationalist occupation of Tai-an.

Streams of Deserters? Chinese reports that Chang Tsung-chang chartered a number of vessels at Lungkow, presumably for evacuation purposes, lend colour to the belief that the north of Shantung province will shortly be flooded with thousands of deserters streaming across the country to Lungkow, Chefoo and Wei-hai-wei with the resultant outbreak of disorder and brigandage.—Reuter.

The Yellow River.

[The Northern line of retreat has been from Ningyang up to Tai-an, then to Tsinnanfu, which is on the southern bank of the Yellow River.

Except for small batches of raiders, there are no Nationalist or Kuomintang troops in Shantung north of the Yellow River. Tchchow is north of the Yellow River, near the Chihli-Shantung frontier and is the southernmost extremity of a line running almost direct from north to south, which the Peking Government has ordered to be prepared for defence.

Retreat Cut Off?

The north-east of Shantung is away from the war zone, by reason of its geographical position—not on the road to Peking—and this is the area which, it is feared may be over-run by demoralised or disbanded Northern troops.

The reference to chartering of ships may point to the Northern General Chang Tsung-chang anticipating his being cut off from retreat northward to Peking, leaving the sea as the only course of getting out.]

"ANNIE LAURIE."

LILLIAN GISH IN A NEW FILM.

A romance of the Scottish Highlands, "Annie Laurie," with Lillian Gish in the leading role, will be the big picture at the Queen's Theatre from Sunday to Tuesday next, according to a special advertisement in this issue. Famous old castles, including historic Maxwellton, were reproduced for the picture. Hordes of kilted warriors are seen in battle, sleek courtiers are seen plotting for power—and through it runs the story of the love of Annie Laurie. Norman Kerry is seen as the hero, the fighting chief of a famous clan. Hobart Bosworth is the grim "Wolf of Glencoe." Brandon Hurst is the villainous rival and Creighton Hale the treacherous Donald. David Torrence, Russell Simpson, Patric Avery, Joseph Striker and other well known players are cast under the direction of John S. Robertson. The story is based on fact and fiction concerning the Glencoe Massacre. Josephine Lovett, the author, utilised this tragic episode in history as the background for a stirring drama of the screen.

Whilst proceeding to Aberdeen on Monday with a cargo of rags for the paper mills, trading junk No. 401-A was caught in a sudden squall when passing Taihauwan at 1 p.m. The boat was capsized, and the two occupants of the junk were thrown into the harbour. They clung to the bottom of the upturned craft and succeeded in keeping afloat until they were picked up by junk No. 3789-H.A., the crew of which righted the capsized junk and towed it to Aberdeen. All the cargo of rags was lost.

BOMBAY MILLS.

117,000 WORKERS NOW ON STRIKE.

PRODUCTION CEASES.

Bombay, Yesterday. The mill strike has still further extended, and 117,000 operatives are now out. Production has ceased except in a few mills in outlying districts.—Reuter.

DRINKERS' EYES.

BLINDING EFFECT OF INDULGENCE.

WOOD ALCOHOL.

Blindness is not only due to drinking wood alcohol, but it is not infrequently the result of over-indulgence in the legitimate and normal variety, according to Miss L. M. Smith Clark, ophthalmic adviser to the British Ministry of Pensions. In the continental edition of the London "Daily Mail," she writes:

"Some of the primary effects displayed by alcoholic poisoning are a moist and red eye with inflamed and puffy eyelids, which appear in acute as well as chronic overindulgence. In chronic poisoning there is, further, a weakness of the upper eyelids, and the eyes lose their natural sensitiveness, so that they do not wash themselves out, and the blinking of the eyelids, which assists this washing, is almost entirely abolished, thereby increasing the redness of the eye.

"We have all noticed the fixed unwinking stare of the hard drinker when sober as well as drunk. The most vital damage, however, is the inflammation of the central fibres of the optic nerve, causing consequent impairment of vision. The arteries of the eye, like the other blood-vessels of the body, become brittle and break, causing effusion of blood, which diminishes the vision further.

"Where tobacco and alcohol are immoderately indulged in, the vision of both eyes becomes misty, and the sufferer usually attributes this to his eyesight declining, and thinks that he requires glasses. In fact, the visual acuity is reduced to about a half of normal, and reading of small print and performing fine work become very difficult. The danger is that the sufferer goes to an optician for glasses, which, by giving temporary relief, obscure the real cause of the condition.

Recovery May Be Complete. "If attended to in time, a complete recovery may be obtained. However sympathetic the ophthalmic surgeon may feel, he is bound to order a sensible reduction in the enjoyment of alcohol and tobacco.

"Of course, the patient's idiosyncrasy must be taken into account. Where a person is highly susceptible to the effects of small quantities of alcohol, it is advisable to enforce complete abstinence. Further, the matter of fresh air, sufficient sleep, and proper diet should be carefully advised upon. It may even be necessary to treat with drugs, but that is a matter for skilled hands to direct. Under proper treatment a recovery may be looked for in one to three months.

"Acute consequences from alcoholic indulgence are more frequently met with in America, where Prohibition has given rise to the consumption of wood alcohol, immature whisky, and quack medicines. "The victim suffers from headache; his pupils are dilated and he may become blind in both eyes, the blindness setting in immediately or within a few days. The blindness may improve temporarily, but generally relapses into permanent blindness. It is due to the inflammation and consequent destruction of the optic nerve and the retina of the eye.

Chinese constable No. 371, Li Chik, attached to No. 7, Police Station, has been arrested at the instance of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs for harbouring Yau Yee-lai, a girl under the age of 21.

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JOHN E. P. WALKER, Secy.
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Shadows Before

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Everybody's Acting."

To-day—World Theatre; "The Big Parade," 2.30, 6.30, 9.15 p.m.

To-day—Star Theatre; "The General."

To-day—Concert at Club Lustrano by Prof. G. Cattaneo.

April 26—St. Peter's Club concert in St. John's Cathedral Hall.

April 26—Queen's Theatre; "The Cohens and Kelly's in Paris."

April 26—Star Theatre; "Footloose Widows."

April 28—Star Theatre; "A Man's Past."

April 29—May—Queen's Theatre; "Annie Laurie."

April 29—World Theatre; "The Valley of Hell."

April 30—Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A. dance, at Helena May Institute.

May 1—World Theatre; "The Sap."

May 1—Star Theatre; "The Manoeuvre Girl."

May 2—Queen's Theatre; "The Battles of Coronel and Falkland Islands."

May 3—World Theatre; "The White Rose."

May 3—Star Theatre; "Hell Bent For Heaven."

Lummetts' Auction.

April 26—Valuable Curios, at Sales Room, 2.30 p.m.

April 27—Household furniture, 42, Humphreys-bldg., Kowloon, 2.45 p.m.

April 28—Household furniture, Observatory Villas, Kowloon.

April 30—At Sales Room, Postage Stamps, 5.15 p.m.

Sports.

To-day—H.K.C.C. Tennis Tournament; Semi-final open Singles, Ng Sze-kwong v. S. A. Rumjahn.

To-day—Inter-Unit Athletic Meeting, Sookmoo.

April 28—Hong Kong Boxing Association's final tournament, Lee Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

May 5—H.K. Jockey Club fourth extra race meeting.

Miscellaneous.

April 27—Laying of foundation stone of new St. Stephen's-bldg. at Stanley Peninsula, by H.E. the Governor, 3.30 p.m.

IN THE MIDDLE AGES

WOMAN "AN INSTRUMENT OF THE DEVIL."

Woman in the Middle Ages, no less than in our own times, was an unfailing subject of interest to writers and speakers, said Miss Eileen Power in her lecture on Mediaeval Ideas about Women at King's College for Women.

In all nations from the ancient Egyptians onwards there had always existed stories about the perfidy of woman, and no doubt the Cave man used to tell these stories over his fire at night.

The Church and the aristocracy were the only two articulate bodies, and they were the forces which created the mediaeval theory about woman.

She was regarded as an instrument of the Devil, inferior and evil, according to the early history of the Church, and, as the ascetic idea rose and flourished, there came into being the conception of woman as the supreme temptress, the most dangerous of all obstacles in the way of salvation.

First Woman Journalist. The aristocracy, a narrow military caste, regarded women as ornamental assets, and, like the Church, all through the Middle Ages considered them, on the one hand as inferior and in subjection, and on the other, put them on a pedestal and worshipped them.

Had public opinion been created from the bottom upwards instead of from the top downwards the opinion of women might have been very different. But the other two classes, the bourgeoisie and the workers, were inarticulate.

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Gillian Looker, the baby daughter of Mr. H. W. Looker, M.P., in Hyde Park on March 22, was the subject of a picture in the "Daily Sketch."

The marriage arranged between Mr. David Keswick and Miss Nony Barbara Pease was to take place on April 20, at St. Mary-the-Virgin, Hambleden, Henley-on-Thames.

The Japanese Ambassador and Baroness Matsui were among the guests of the Spanish Ambassador and the Marquess de Merry del Val at dinner at the Embassy on March 22.

Sir Maurice de Bunsen is to be one of the three representatives of the Royal Geographical Society at the centenary celebrations in Berlin, during May 24-26, of the Gesellschaft für Erdkunde.

Bak Poy Ghee, 35, laundry proprietor, who was committed from East Ham on a charge of harbouring two Chinese whom he had reason to believe had landed without leave, was found not guilty at the Old Bailey and discharged.

The late Sir David Miller Barbour, K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., of Tiltwood, Crawley Down, lately chairman of the East India Railway Co., and a member or chairman of several Commissions on Colonial currencies, left estate valued at £71,132.

Found loitering on the staircase of Nos. 3 and 4 Gilles-avenue, Hunghom, at midnight on Monday, a Chinese was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's court yesterday and received two months' hard labour. He had a chisel in his possession when arrested.

Cinema-goers are reminded that owing to the exceptional length of the film, only three performances of "The Big Parade" can be given daily, and these start promptly at 2.30, 5.30 and 9.15 p.m. "The Big Parade" will be screened at the World Theatre until Saturday, and it is a picture well worth seeing twice.

The Right Hon. Sir John Tilley, His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Tokyo, had an audience of the King at Buckingham Palace on March 26, and Lieutenant-Colonel P. R. B. Lawrence, Commanding 2nd Battalion, Coldstream Guards, had the honour of being received by His Majesty on the same day.

The Persian Minister held a reception on March 22 on the occasion of the Persian New Year. Among the many guests were the Japanese Ambassador and Baroness Matsui, the Siamese Minister, the Chinese Charge d'Affaires and Mme. Wei-cheng Chen, Sir Henri and Lady Deterding, Sir Denison Ross, and Mrs. Alec Tweedie.

The marriage arranged between Mr. H. J. L. Leigh-Clare, son of the late Vice-Chancellor O. Leigh-Clare and Mrs. Leigh-Clare, of 60, Lansdowne-road, London, W.11, and Dorothy, second daughter of Mr. John Strachan, general manager, F.M.S. Railways, and of Mrs. Strachan, of Greatash, Chislehurst, Kent, took place on March 23 in Colombo.

The King held a Council at Buckingham Palace on March 22 and picked a list of Sheriffs of England and Wales for the ensuing year. Among those present at the Council was Sir Maurice de Bunsen and one of the Sheriffs appointed by the King was that for Sussex, Sir Robert Molesworth Kindersley, of Plaw Hatch, Sharpthorne, G.B.E.

Before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's court yesterday, an amah was charged with the theft of a wrist watch from her former mistress at No. 4, Tung High-street, Mongkok. The defendant denied stealing the watch and said that a friend of hers gave it to her to take to a watchmaker to be repaired. She was bound over in the sum of \$100.

The engagement is announced between Cecil Hubert Eldridge, Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge, of Ormonds-road, Branksome Park, Bournemouth, and Dorothy Mary, daughter of Lieut.-Colonel R. L. Bouchier, R.A.F.C. and Mrs. Bouchier, of The Maples, Lillingdon-avenue, Leamington-Spa.

The Egyptian Charge d'Affaires (owing to the accepted resignation of the Egyptian Minister) held a reception on March 26 at the Legation in South Audley-street, in honour of the 60th birthday of the King of Egypt. Among those who accepted invitations were the Siamese Minister, the Chinese Charge d'Affaires and Mme. Wei-cheng Chen, Sir Denison Ross and Mrs. Alec Tweedie.

Brussels, Yesterday. — General Wrangel is very weak. His condition causes much anxiety.—Reuter.

New York, Yesterday.—The next meeting of the Institute of Pacific Relations will be held at Kyoto in November, 1929.—Reuter.

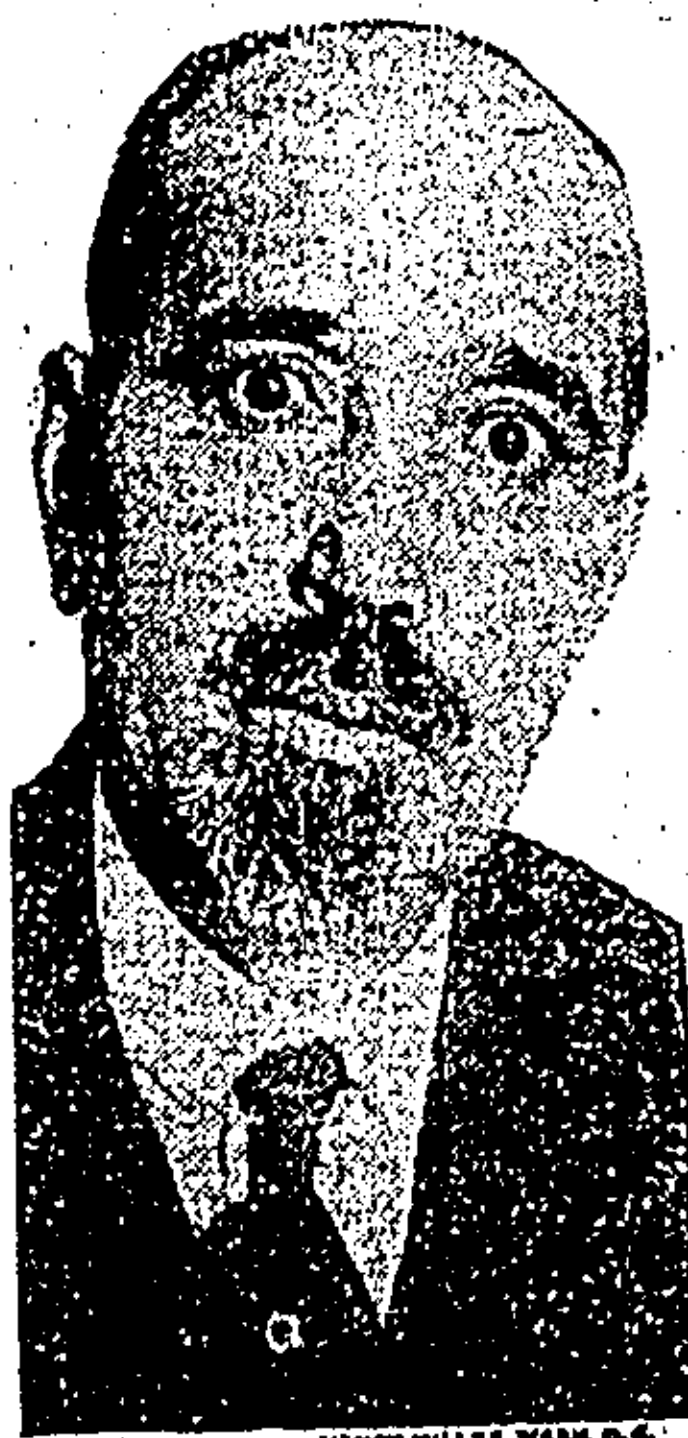
It is reported that Mr. Koo Ying-fun (ex-Minister of Finance at Canton) is on a vacation trip to America. Mr. Tang Chao-yun and Mr. Li Pan are also making the trip.

The Petrie medal of the University of London, distinguished work in Archaeology has been awarded to Sir Aurel Stein, K.C.I.E., D.Litt., D.Sc., Ph.D., F.B.A.

A handbag containing \$30 in notes and other small articles, was on Monday afternoon snatched from a Chinese woman by a sneak thief in Bonham-road. He got away with the booty.

Charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's court yesterday with landing on Stonecutters without permission, a Chinese hawk was fined \$25, or, in default, two weeks' hard labour.

A Sanitary Board cooie was yesterday charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's court for assaulting a Chinese occupying a cubicle in the same house as the defendant. Both parties were bound over in the sum of \$50 each to keep the peace for six months.



Isauro Gabaldon, resident Commissioner of the Philippine Islands in Washington, D. C., who has resigned his seat in order that he might return to his native land to fight for the freedom of his people. The Commissioner holds that every dollar of American investment in the Philippines "is an additional nail in the coffin of our independence." Gabaldon has been elected a member of the Philippine legislature and in an address to Congress before his resignation was handed in beseeched them to give the Philippines their independence.

At the Central Magistrate's court yesterday afternoon, the case was concluded before Major C. Willson in which six Hokos and eight Hakkas were charged with disorderly conduct as the result of two free fights on the waterfront arising from a dispute over the sale of third class passenger tickets on coasting steamers. His Worship found that the Hokos were the aggressors, and with the exception of two, bound them all over in the sum of \$50 each to be of good behaviour for six months.

Lord Gort, V.C., back from China, is now on military duty at Colchester, and has given orders for his cutter, "Carlotta," to be sent to Burnham, where he can have some week-end cruising. He was on March 27 a witness to the marriage of Mr. George Gordon Medlicott Vereker, M.C., a member of a branch of his family, to Marjorie, the daughter of the late Colonel H. H. Mulliner and Mrs. Mulliner. In August, when the Solent season will be in full swing, "Carlotta," which has had a motor installed, will return to Cowes.

Great excitement was caused in Society circles in Amsterdam by the news that Madame Van Eeghen, a niece of Sir Henri Deterding (Director-General of the Royal Dutch Oil Company) and the only woman member of the Stock Exchange, had been found at her home suffering from a bullet wound in the head and her husband, a well-known and prominent rubber merchant, dead from a revolver shot. The bullet which injured Mme. Van Eeghen has been extracted, but her condition is critical. Van Eeghen is said to have recently had heavy losses on the rubber market, and it is reported that he shot his wife because she had refused to lend him money. Van Eeghen married Miss Deterding about four years ago after divorcing his first wife, by whom he had three children.

Mme. de Fleuriau and Mlle. de Fleuriau are leaving London for the South of France on March 29 and will be away for about five weeks.

Commissioner Charles Duce, of the Salvation Army, for 40 years a missionary officer in Japan, and elsewhere, was buried on March 23 at Abney Park Cemetery.

The French Ambassador and Mme. de Fleuriau gave a dinner party at the Embassy on March 27, their guests including the Japanese Ambassador and Baroness Matsui.

The engagement is announced of Leslie Charles Micklewright, of Polephah Valley Estate, Kota Tinggi, Johore, to Muriel Edythe Newton Mayson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mayson, of Singapore.

A sneak thief approached a Chinese woman from behind whilst she was walking in Wyndham-street on Monday afternoon, and snatched from her a pair of gold earrings worth \$75. The woman raised an alarm, but the thief succeeded in getting away before help could reach his victim.

A bag containing \$340 was yesterday stolen from a Chinese passenger soon after he had boarded the s.s. "Sui An." He went on to the wharf to report his loss and found a detective detaining a man who had the bag in his possession. The thief was taken to the Police Station.

Sir Denison Ross was host and Mrs. Francis Ayscough hostess at the second conversazione of the season of the After-Dinner Club, which was held at the New Burlington Galleries on March 28. The speakers included Brigadier-General the Hon. C. G. Bruce, Lieutenant-Colonel P. T. Eberton, and Air Commodore Samson.

The N.Y.K. film, "To the Sunny East," was shown at the Scala Theatre, Charlotte-street, London, W.1, on March 29. The film was prepared by a British firm, who sent out their own operators to Japan. In addition to depicting life aboard the steamers, it includes some very interesting pictures of various Japanese industries.

A "Standard" writer, corrected as to the derivation of an Eastern word he had used, says:—I have no doubt the common Japanese word for a foreign dog, "kami," which I generally understood to descend to the "come here" addressed to a dog by the first English traveler to Japan accompanied by one, might be traced to some classic Chinese origin.

At the Thames Police Court on March 23, William H. 53, described as a British subject, was charged with illegally importing 66 revolvers and 5,400 cartridges. An assistant preventive officer of Customs and Excise, said that he found the contraband in a narrow compartment behind a linen locker and the steel hull of the ship. Accused was remanded in custody.

The Japanese Ambassador and Baroness Matsui entertained at dinner at 10, Grosvenor-square, on March 26. Among their guests were the Dowager Lady Swaythling, Sir John and Lady Tilley, Sir Maurice de Bunsen, Sir Charles and Lady Addis, Mrs. Alec Tweedie, Lieutenant-Colonel the Marquis Mayeda, Mr. and Mrs. Juichi Tashima, and Captain Koichi Shiozawa.

The Rance of Sarawak is one of the godmothers of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Nedell, who are playing leading parts in "Square Crooks" at the Prince of Wales Theatre, London. The christening took place on March 26 at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, when Captain Barry Gifford, R.A.F., acted as proxy for the Rance, who was unable to attend owing to illness.

Beneath portraits of Mr. A. Duff Cooper, who admitted at a dinner in London that he had been called "The Owen Nares of the Conservative Party," and Mr. F. G. Peony, the member for Kingston-on-Thames, who has been declared the handsomest and best-dressed man in the House, the "Evening Standard" says that Mr. Peony was voted the most popular M.P. by its women readers.

At the Central Magistrate's court yesterday afternoon, Mr. Leo d'Almada entered a plea of guilty in behalf of an Indian constable named Hayat Mohamed who was charged with demanding a bribe of 20 cents from a Chinese hawk. Mr. Lindsay, in passing sentence of three months' hard labour, said that this type of offence was extraordinarily difficult to detect, and when detected, must be punished severely.

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Sport Columns

LAWN TENNIS.

HONDA FIGHTS WAY TO FINAL.

FINCHER'S GOOD FIGHT.

The first of the semi-finals in the Open Championship Singles was played yesterday when Honda met and defeated "Teddy" Fincher. The final scores in favour of the Japanese were 6-2, 4-6, 4-6, 6-4 and 6-4.

Honda started in convincing style and had little difficulty in securing the first set though the ground was more suited to Fincher's style of play. The latter, however, appeared uncomfortable and was rather erratic. He managed to secure the first game but not till after deuce was called six times. Honda took the next four with comparative ease but lost the next, only to claim the seventh and eighth games and the set at 6-2.

The second set proved to be more even—Fincher settling down, and each won his own service game till Fincher broke through his opponent's service in the tenth game and took the set at 6-4. During the earlier stages of this set both players were inclined to play a net-game, but later they took to baseline play, when some net exchanges were in evidence, Fincher's "chop" strokes being most effective.

Honda appeared to be tiring in the first two games. The standard of play now was not as high as it was earlier on—Fincher, playing a steady game, was content to let the Japanese make all the mistakes. He led at 4-3 but Honda levelled matters at 4 games all on his own service. However, Fincher asserted himself and took the next two and set—6-4.

The first game in the fourth set went to Honda, but Fincher took the next three. With a 3-1 lead Fincher fell off and the Japanese, playing a good game, managed to pull the game out of the fire and won the set after only 10 games had been played.

Long rallies and baseline driving were the order of the day in the final set, and after losing the first game Honda "got going" and took the next three. Not to be outdone, Fincher took the fifth and sixth games but lost the next, the score now being 4-3 against him. Honda increased his lead by taking the eighth, and excitement ran high when Fincher won the ninth game. That, however, proved to be his final effort, for the Japanese forced the tenth game, which he won, and with it the set and match.

Fincher had bad luck in losing, especially after he had the lead of 2 sets to one and was 3-1 up in the fourth set. He played a very good game against a more experienced man and it is generally believed that more will be heard about him in the tennis world. Honda is to be congratulated on winning an uphill fight and he was given many anxious moments by his younger opponent. He now meets the winner of to-day's game between S. A. Rumjahn (the holder) and Ng Sze-kwong (ex-champion) when an excellent game should be seen.

L.R.C. CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES.

Following is the result of the first round:

Mrs. Womack beat Mrs. Phister, 6-1, 6-3.

Mrs. Grove (bye).

Mrs. James beat Mrs. D. Browne 6-1, 7-5.

The results of the second round are as follow:

Mrs. Womack beat Mrs. Grove 6-4, 5-7, 8-6.

Mrs. Tottenham beat Mrs. James 6-0, 6-0.

The finals will be played on April 27; the contestants being Mrs. Womack and Mrs. Tottenham.

SWEEP FORGERIES.

'WARE SHANGHAI' "A" TICKETS.

We understand that the attention of Shanghai race officials has been drawn to the fact that forged "A" Sweep Tickets have been offered for sale and that the forged tickets produced so far are in the series 24,600 upwards.

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL.

To-day's match in the Hong Kong League, Division I, will be between the China Athletic and the Kowloon Football Club, played on the Hong Kong Football Club ground, kick off at 5 p.m. Mr. Barber will referee.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

The H.K. Hockey Club 2nd team, were defeated by the 3/15th Punjab by three goals to nil at King's.

DOG-RACING.

UNFETTERED VOTE IN THE HOUSE.

INVESTORS WARNED.

Sir William Joynton-Hicks, the Home Secretary, told a deputation from the National Emergency Committee of Christian Churches at the House of Commons that, if it were possible, the Government would give facilities for Colonel Buchanan's bill to empower municipalities to control or veto greyhound racing tracks. The decision, he added, must rest with Parliament, which would be allowed to give a free and unfettered vote.

Sir William, who said he had been "very much impressed" by the representations made and by the feeling which prevailed, also observed, "I have prepared a bill dealing with a very large number of matters connected with children, and included in it is a clause dealing with betting by juveniles. That will enable us to clear out one great evil."

"I am going to repeat what I said to a deputation of members of Parliament in December," said Sir William, "that I warned all those engaged in the promotion of other companies that they would do so with the knowledge that the Government might feel it necessary to legislate in the matter."

"All the time I have been Home Secretary, and all the time I have been in Parliament, I have never received a more important or more representative deputation. It deals with a matter which goes right down to the roots of government in this country."

"Your case is on two grounds. The first is the right of the people in a locality to decide whether or not they shall have a greyhound track in their midst. The other is, that in connection with all these tracks there is a very large element indeed of gambling and betting, and that the young people of the country are being taught practically habits of gambling and betting. To test the feelings of the Commons I suggested to Colonel Buchanan that he should introduce a private bill, and there was not a voice raised against it in the House of Commons."

"I hear that a memorial has been signed by more than 800 members of Parliament asking the Prime Minister to afford time for the progress of this bill, and the Government are bound to be impressed by it."

"I am very much impressed by the feeling that I know is well-nigh universal, that the municipalities of our great towns and the councils of our urban districts should have the right at least to some kind of say as to whether these institutions should be promoted."

The Bishop of Lichfield described greyhound racing as a travesty of sport and a most insidious and growing evil. Dr. Cyril Norwood, Headmaster of Harrow, on behalf of teachers in elementary schools, said that there would be no interest in greyhound racing except for gambling.

The Rev. Henry Carter, secretary of the National Emergency Committee of Christian Churches, said nine city councils, thirty-five town councils, eleven committees of town councils, and fifty-seven urban district councils had passed resolutions requesting the Government to promote legislation on the lines of Colonel Buchanan's bill.

PING-PONG.

S.C.A.A. SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

Playing in the semi-finals, Ko Yau-cheung defeated Mak Kai-hung, 4-6, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3, and Kwan Man-ching defeated Wong Tung-hoi, 6-1, 6-1, 6-3, thus qualifying for the final, which will be played off on the evening of the 28th inst. at the Club premises, China Building.

The result of the latter match was a surprise to those present, but Kwan Man-ching played a steadier game and outclassed Wong Tung-hoi, last year's champion of the Association and runner-up of the Colony's open singles tourney. Fixtures for the Handicaps Tournament will be drawn up some time this week, all matches commencing at 7.30 p.m. each evening.

LOCAL BASEBALL.

An all-Hong Kong baseball team were defeated by the "Dalma" (a collection of Japanese players who are passing through the Colony) yesterday by 13 runs to 2.

SOCCKER SECRETS.

WHEN BALL SHOULD TRAVEL BACK.

[By Fred Kean.]

Two things have combined to inspire this article. Firstly, a few weeks ago, a spectator criticised a forward who passed the ball back to his half back. He shouted that the forward was kicking in the wrong direction. Secondly, I have often been asked which is the best move in football.

It may be wondered where these two incidents can be bracketed together. Though it is difficult to pick out the best move in football, I am of the opinion that the very pass criticised, answers the second problem. The pass back from forward to half-back, when properly worked, is of the greatest advantage, and especially is this so when the ball is raised from the centre forward to the centre-half.

It is not often that you see a centre forward try to turn around with the ball, when he has his back towards the goal which he is attacking, for in turning around he is very often dispossessed by the opposing centre half. If he kicks the ball back, he has no need to worry about the opponent, and he can then get into position until his colleague at half back can give him a return pass. The movement is so simple and it obviates the possibility of dispossession.

You will see a centre-forward pass to his inside man, in preference to dribbling—which is the correct thing to do—and then run into position for the return pass. But, because it means putting the ball back many players refuse to use the tactic of passing to the half-back.

Yes, I think the back pass from forward to half is one of the best opening moves in football. And, talking about the back pass, spectators often sneer at a full back who, with his face towards his own goal, plays safe and passes back to his goalkeeper. He can't be expected to see behind his own back, and if he turns round to clear the ball he may lose it to an oncoming forward. It is far better and safer to pass back to the goalkeeper who has his face towards the field, and who being in a better position can kick with ease and freedom.

No Fixed Rule.

Obviously, I can't lay down hard and fast rules, but I should say that a player who has his back towards the goal which his side is attacking, should make it his first job to look around for a player to whom he can give a back pass. But the ball should always be given to a player who is facing in the right direction.

The more I think about this passing back movement, the more I realise its importance in football. For instance, consider the wing forward; how many times do you see the effect of a back pass to the inside into the position with the ball at his feet would have meant that he would have had to dribble.

Much as I like to see dribbling in football, I know that it is dangerous, for there is always a chance of the opponent beating you. Therefore dribbling should only be indulged in when a pass is impossible.

If you pass to another player, the opponent instinctively watches the ball, and meanwhile you can get into position. It is easy, I know, to talk about getting into position, but it is much more difficult in practice.

Getting into position is merely getting where you are least marked, and then the one thing to guard against is worrying about the ball. Let the man who has the ball do all the worrying. It is his job to get the ball through to you, if you are in the best position.

But, to return to the original subject; the best moves in football. There is one position, at centre half-back, that is very important and useful. In this instance it is not a back pass but a cross pass. Very often when a centre-half gets the ball he will find an opposing forward rushing on to him. He can, of course, kick the ball first time or he can try to beat the forward forward or wing half-back? Very often. It allows the winger to race into a safe position for a return pass, for to have got by skill. But the pass I advocate is the cross pass to the wing half. If you can hold the ball for a fraction of time before parting with it, you stand a chance of drawing several opponents towards you, especially the inside forwards, thus when you make the pass the wing half has a free opening.

I like this pass when the ball is in the air; instead of heading the ball back up the field, head it across to the wing half. When that it is nothing more than per you head it straight forward you fection in understanding of, the play into the other centre-half's back pass, and getting into position, hands, but across the field, it is tion more certain to go to your wing half.

Most Useful Passes.

CANTON'S NOTES.

(Continued from Page 1.)

General Wang expects about 7,000 li (2,100 miles) will be ready. Some of these roads have been constructed by private individuals, who get a certain number of years' licences from the Government, for which privilege they maintain the roads. Most of the roads have been constructed by the Government, and for their use and maintenance a toll charge is levied. They are in populous parts of the province, and obviously are bound to add to the commercial prosperity as well as the comfort of all.

Motor Cars and Buses.

At present Kwangsi has some 500 motor cars and buses and obviously the province is in this respect a shining example to Kwangtung, which is also making great efforts to build good roads in the interior.

Sir Robert also informed our representative that there was a probability of Kwangsi's capital, at some not very far off date being Luchow, which is more central than either the old capital of Kwellin or the present capital of Nanning.

Kwangsi, added Sir Robert in answer to a question, seemed to have been steadily engaged during the past few years in this admirable project of motor road building.

Central Bank's Currency.

Again assuring the "China Mail's" representative that he will as soon as possible impart details of his proposed financial negotiations with Marshal Li, Sir Robert Ho Tung—always a very busy man—brought the interview to a polite conclusion, not before he had remarked (in answer to our representative's query) that the rise in the Central Bank's currency while he was in Canton was very encouraging. Taken all round, there are indications of Canton's general stability and of its prosperity in the near future.

"Give it up—the bookie always wins." This advice, given by the Rev. James Stephenson, vicar of Dorman's Land, Surrey, in a sermon on a recent Sunday, is thought to have been taken by members of the congregation, for when the church was cleared a number of betting slips were found in a pew.

The vicar said in his sermon: "The vicar said in his sermon: 'Bushels of racing tips, and every one a winner!' It is a fool's game. Men put money on horses that they ought to be putting on the backs of their family—and they expect to win. They might win now and again, but the bookie is the only man who makes money out of it. It is his living. To the young people the vicar said: 'If you have started to bet, stop it at once, because it may lead you into crime. Greyhound racing is not a sport; it is simply a mechanical dodge.'"

—the back pass from the forward to half, and the cross pass from centre half to wing half—are the most useful in football. I know full well that they do not seem to be heading the right way towards the goal and where possible straight-forward methods are best, but if you watch players who use these methods you will soon see how they open attacks.

Perhaps the best centre half to watch for the cross pass is Frank Barson, the Manchester United centre half. Few will disagree with me when I say that there are not many tricks of football that this player does not know. He uses this one more than any other.

To see the back pass from centre-forward exploited to its full, you should watch "Dixie" Dean of Everton. The art of getting goals is getting into position, and Dean does this really well. He slips the ball back but that is the last he worries until it returns to him. He never holds the ball a fraction of a second longer than is necessary. The same applies to Trotter, of my own club; he passes the ball back to me and I try to give it back when he is unattended.

Another player, this time an inside left, is Gillespie of Sheffield United. It is a pleasure to see the way in which he sends the ball back to Green George for the half-back to slip it along to Tunstall, who is the nightmare of wing halves, because he gets into position so quickly.

You may have heard a lot of talk about the triangle play of a wing; I advise you to analyse this particular form of play, and I am certain that as a result, you will see across to the wing half. When that it is nothing more than per you head it straight forward you fection in understanding of, the play into the other centre-half's back pass, and getting into position, hands, but across the field, it is tion more certain to go to your wing half.

Whether it is a forward, half-back or even full-back, the back pass is one of the secrets of success in the growing prevalence of

COST OF LIVING.

HOW MATTERS STAND IN SHANGHAI.

SOME COMPARISONS.

The high cost of living is a perennial hardship in the average man's garden. In this respect, Shanghai is not an exception to the general rule, as is shown in a recent survey of how much less one's dollar is capable of buying than formerly, says the "N. C. D. News." To go into this matter with any claim to completeness would be a feat for the experienced statistician, but a few facts gathered at random locally, will serve to show some of the inadequacies of money year by year.

Things making the largest inroads into the monthly income, according to the average Shanghai resident, are rents, provisions and clothes. Everything else can roughly be lumped under the heading of miscellaneous.

With rents as a starting point, it will be found that the high level maintained at present is an indication of changing, and changed, Shanghai. Five years ago, for example, economy did not mean moving into a small house as the initial attempt. In illustrating the truth of this statement by local estate agents, one has only to point to the popularity of the small house and of apartments, throughout Shanghai at the present time.

Small House Dearest.

As soon as a hint of trade depression is in the wind the householder decides that it would be better to find quarters to take the place equally well of the spacious high-ceilinged residence reminiscent of the tropics, which connoted Shanghai of the past. The question of coal, servants and general upkeep enter into this decision and the small house wins easily.

But the economic inevitabilities are set in motion forthwith and the demand for the desired article makes it costly. Thus it is that during the past five years, small houses suitable for foreign residents have increased in their rentals from 10 to 15 per cent. In the same connection, a local land firm declares that rents for the old-fashioned large dwelling have remained practically at a standstill during the period.

Another firm of estate agents dating from early days in Shanghai and having a wide experience with transitions here says that during five years rents have increased 60 per cent for foreign dwellings. The same increase applies to land. It should, however, be borne in mind that both rentals and land values vary greatly in different districts of the town.

Just as anything which markedly affects the foreign scale of living affects the Chinese and vice versa, mounting rents in Shanghai have not been confined to the foreign community. Chinese in the International Settlement, according to a report by the Asia Realty Corporation, have increased 30 per cent during the last five years.

Another estate firm points out that Chinese rents have increased only in the case of rebuilt premises, the sort of hong-dwelling brick buildings with which Shanghai is becoming more and more familiar as whole blocks of them appear periodically.

The Inner Man.

Getting into the field of "provision," it is pointed out by Shanghai importers of foreign brands that price fluctuation has depended considerably upon exchange rates and upon the duties. The greatest increase in these prices came just after the war, and we have it on the authority of Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co., whose provision department is well known to the Shanghai householder, that the peak of high prices in recent years was reached in 1926. In the past two years the tendency has been to decline except for specific items.

A thought to warm the heart of the most outraged family budget is provided by the unassuming stability of Lea & Perrin's Worcester Sauce. This interesting accessory to the palato's demands has not 40 per cent. dearer than a few varied in price perceptibly since years ago, not to mention the high the post-war period. But other prices of other necessary adjuncts and more necessary commodities to a Shanghai evening party, have not been so obliging, their insight can be gained of where Cheeses especially Rochfort and money goes in Shanghai of to-day.

Garganzola, have varied 25 to 30 per cent during the last four years. The average price of best coffee has gone up from \$1 to \$1.30 a lb. and Ceylon tea from \$1 to \$1.85; American tinned fruits from \$6.50 a dozen to \$10.50 and best English jams are 60 to 80 per cent. dearer.

Australian hams have varied almost not at all during the period, but "York cut" hams, which are American hams smoked in England, have varied in their whole sale price about 10 per cent while Real York hams about eight per cent in the same period.

Another interesting aspect in the high cost of attending to the inner man is the growing prevalence of

DO YOU KNOW?

Answers to To-day's Questions.

- Five.
- An ornamental screen covering a wall at the back of an altar.
- Haggai, Zachariah, Malachi.
- Scotland.
- Revelation, Chapter 21.
- Chess.

compradore shops where fresh vegetables and certified meat can be bought. The "middle man" is represented by these shops, and whereas it was once the cook's pleasure to go to market for cooking vegetables, he now goes to the nearest compradore shop as a rule, and the bills respond accordingly. A well-known economic law, and one easily understood, is that the more hands provisions pass through on their way to the consumer the more the consumer pays when they finally reach him. Especially does this argument hold good in China.

The Rice Bowl.

The question of the Chinese "rice-bowl" must be considered also in relation to foreign and Chinese food prices. "Tell me what the cooie pays for his rice and I will tell you all about labour troubles and the business depression which comes from them."

This might well be an adage of the Criminal Intelligence Department of the Shanghai Municipal Police. Records show that the fluctuation of rice prices in the past has had serious results, and has caused much unrest in Shanghai. In January 1920 rice was \$8.20 a picul. Long before that the price was so low as to make it seem one of the fairy tales to which persons reminiscent about the past are addicted. In 1921, the average monthly price per picul was \$10. In April 1927 it had risen to \$16.58, a serious matter for the man in the streets, and March of this year showed a somewhat more favourable balance, the price quoted being \$12.12 per picul.

Clothes are another reason "why we can't save in Shanghai." Whatever their importance in the scheme of things, on is inclined to suspect that somebody is profiteering somewhere. Even the Chinese tailor has reacted to the raised level of prices during the past five years. Labour conditions and the other economic motives which could provide accurate reasons for the high cost of manufacturing wearing material are, again, material for the statistician.

Dress and the Stocking.

But one need not look far to find that, for example, imported georgette which, five years ago, sold for \$2.95 a yard now sells for \$5. Broadcloth in 1914 was \$4.05 a yard. It is now about \$9.50. Fancy voiles which sold for \$1.25 a yard a few years back are, in this year of grace, \$2.25. But these things do not influence unfavourably the fact that Shanghai is a city of well-dressed people.

The one wayward and encouraging item on the general list is the silk stocking. Comparatively, they are cheaper now than before the war when they were "best" instead of "every day and all the time." The increased demand has a counterbalancing factor in the methods of rival manufacturers who are constantly trying to give the public something a little cheaper than competitors can do. So that one must admit the silk stocking has lived up to expectations in every way.

Entertainments and Transport. In considering all those miscellaneous items which unrelentingly endeavour to defeat our best intentions towards economy, one must reflect dolefully on the fact that "dining out" habits, so luridly painted by foreign correspondents, are undoubtedly on the increase still after having been on the increase for the past decade. With the price of whiskey estimated as to the palato's demands has not 40 per cent. dearer than a few varied in price perceptibly since years ago, not to mention the high the post-war period. But other prices of other necessary adjuncts and more necessary commodities to a Shanghai evening party, have not been so obliging, their insight can be gained of where Cheeses especially Rochfort and money goes in Shanghai of to-day.

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Documentary 4 months' sight	2/1 1/4
On Paris—	
On demand	1257 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	1332 1/2
On Berlin—	
On demand	49 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight	51 1/2
On Bombay—	
Wire	135
On demand	135
On Calcutta—	
Wire	135
On demand	135
On Singapore—	
On demand	87 1/2
On Manila	99 1/2
On Shanghai—	
On demand	78 1/4
30 day's sight (private paper)	—
On Yokohama—	
On demand	103 1/4
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Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	9.55
Silver (per oz.)	26 5/8
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Chinese Copper Cash	nom.
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do. G.	\$24 1/4
P. & O. Bank	\$24
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Indo-China (Pref.)	\$37
do. (Def.)	\$78
Shell Transporta.	\$380-
Water-Banks	\$20 1/4
Mining.	
Benguet	\$2 1/4
Kailan Mining Ad.	\$28-
Langkat (Combined)	\$18 1/4
do. (Single)	\$8 1/4
Shanghai Explorations	\$2 85
Shanghai Docks	\$3 75
Raub	\$17 1/2
Troch Mines	\$217 1/2
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H.K. & W. Wharves	\$138
China Docks	\$44
China Providents	\$5 80 b 6 0
Hongkew	\$166
New Engineering	\$4 80
Shanghai Docks	\$109
Cotton Mills.	
Ewo Cottons	\$8 1/4 b 8 1/2
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do. (new)	\$22
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Hongkong Lands	\$67
Shanghai Lands	\$140
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Public Utilities.	
H.K. Tramways	\$25 20
Peak Tram (old)	\$13 1/2
do. (new)	\$13 1/2
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do. (old)	\$13 b 13 1/2
do. (new)	\$13 20
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Macao Electric	\$26 1/2
H.K. Telephones	\$4 70
China Buses	\$7 1/2
Singapore Tractions	\$11 9
Industrials.	
China Sugar	\$5 25
Manabon Sugar	\$2 1/2
Canton Ice	\$4
Cements (comb.)	\$10 40
do. (old)	\$10 10
do. (new)	\$2
H.K. Ropes (old)	\$7 1/2
do. (new)	\$3
United Asbestos	\$10
Stores, &c.	
Dairy Farms	\$22 1/2
Watsons	\$14 b & s
der A. Wings	\$50
Jane & Co.	\$3 1/2
Macdonald	\$11
Sinners	\$11
Wm. Powell	\$3
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FASHIONS AND FANCIES

THE SPRING COSTUME.

Novelty Marks Both the Silhouette
and the Fabric of the Newest
Daytime Ensembles.



Despite the general trend to-
wards fluttering feminine
dresses, Paris has here and there
retained a genuine simplicity of
line that bespeaks a tailored in-
fluence. It is especially noted in
sports and street dresses of wool-
len for the springtime.

For instance, many of the one-
piece dresses are worn with
jackets. These are naturally of a
tailored type. Checked or plaid
woolens are often a smart feature
of these daytime ensembles. Velvet-
ens, too, are seen in many strik-
ingly designed costumes. Colours
are important, of course, and many
of the shades most favoured in
spring dresses are seen combined
in the plaids, stripes or checks.

Suits, for instance, coming under
the tailored list of spring clothes,
are shown mostly in woolens with
checks, cross bar effects, mixtures
and blocks being particularly
selected.

In the two-piece dresses of a
tailored design the blouse and
skirt are being shown in different
materials with smart results.

Doris Kenyon, appearing in an
interesting role in First National's
picture, "The Valley of the
Giants," has opportunity to wear
some unusual clothes. One cos-
tume which shows a springtime
inspiration is smartly made in two
pieces. The blouse is of red,
green and yellow plaid velveteen.
A feature of the blouse is the trim-
ming of buttons—a feature that
will distinguish many of the spring
costumes. Red cherries, too, are
an attractive decoration at the
shoulder. The skirt of black
velveteen affords an attractive
contrast.

FASHIONS FROM PARIS.

Paris.—The last of the great
"couturiers" to show a new col-
lection to the representatives of
the press was Mme. Jeanne Lanvin
and this collection coming at the
close of a strenuous three weeks of
fashion openings provided one of
the real thrills of the season. Mme.
Lanvin is essentially a creator of
the modes, she follows no prescrib-
ed lines, on the other hand, she
evolves, season after season, origi-
nal designs which are absolute-
ly unique and individual.

For quite some years the name
of Mme. Lanvin has been associat-
ed in the minds of American
women with wondrous "robes de
style" (known in America as
"period dresses") of taffeta and
tulle with bouffant skirts, quaint

BATHING SUITS AND ACCESSORIES.

Among the Important Items for the South and Our Own Summer
Season Are Listed Beach Costumes of Distinction.



There are always two distinct
beach costumes packed into the bag
that goes to the seaside whether it
be in July or in January. For the
spectator costume is distinctly dif-
ferent from the actual swimming
suit. This year the difference is
quite marked.

The feminine swimmer these
days goes in for style, too. There
is real distinction in the active
swimmer's suit. They are general-
ly made in two pieces, the top be-
ing cut quite low. The trunks are
attached to an under bodice
possessing narrow bands at the
shoulder, but cut extremely low—
to the waist in fact, at the back.
The colour combinations mark an
interesting point in these suits.
Dark trunks and light tops are
most usual in combinations of
colours. Here and there an all-one
toned suit is seen. Navy blue,
grey, dark brown, red and green
are the dominating shades seen.
Here and there a yellow or orange
defies the mode for darker shades
and makes a flaming appearance.

Beach suits, on the other hand,
made to attract attention on the
sands, show small printed silks
highly in favour. They are design-
ed after the new dress styles,
principally. Unusual necklines,
long waists and pleated skirts are

featured. The shorts show just be-
neath the skirt. The entire arm is
generally exposed but in some cases
a short cape is used.

Smart capes and coats are used
to accompany all suits. With the
figured dress suits plain capes lined
with figured or contrastingly
coloured fabrics are seen. Mono-
grams or designs worked on the
outside are a feature of the beach
wraps. Cretone or printed linen
coats are again being seen.

Accessories that play so import-
ant a role on the beach include
many striking novelties this year.
Bandannas and caps of rubber, rub-
berized pocketbooks, bags, striking
umbrellas, sandals designed after
the Chinese manner, kerchiefs and
scarfs all come under this heading.
Girdles, brassieres and garters all
come in fabrics suited to the salt
water bathing and are comfortably
as well as becomingly designed.

Virginia Lee Corbin, First Na-
tional feature player, has plenty
of opportunities to wear bathing
costumes at Southern California
beaches. Miss Corbin, for real
swimming, wears a two-piece bath-
ing costume smartly combining
navy blue and white, and another
made entirely in beige tones.
Colourful caps and accessories
supply the desired colour note.

shoulder capes and embroidery of
steel or strasse but, although
several of these as charming as
ever, are shown in the new collec-
tion, a new type of taffeta frock
made its first appearance which
promises to be a close rival to the
popular "robe de style." This is
a princess gown with skirt in full
godets, trimmed around the edge
with a thick ruche of the same
material.

The loveliest of these to our
mind was in two shades of dahlia,
the frock itself of a deep shade of
pink, made with a huge bow of the
silk at the back of one hip and a
ruche around the edge and an
underskirt which hung six or eight
inches below the hem of the frock
of the colour of the dark red
dahlia, with a ruche of the same
around the bottom.

Mme. Lanvin is very fond of
black and white combinations and
those are prominent in the present
collection. The favourite mate-
rial for ensembles in these colours
is the heavy corded silk which in
our grandmothers' time was known
as "ottoman." A charming en-
semble in this consists of a long
full coat of black with full lower
sleeve and narrow collar and re-
vers of white, worn with a black
frock which is reminiscent of Mme.
Lanvin's "penguin" gown of last
season with a white oblong "chemi-
sette" buttoned on either side with
plain black buttons.

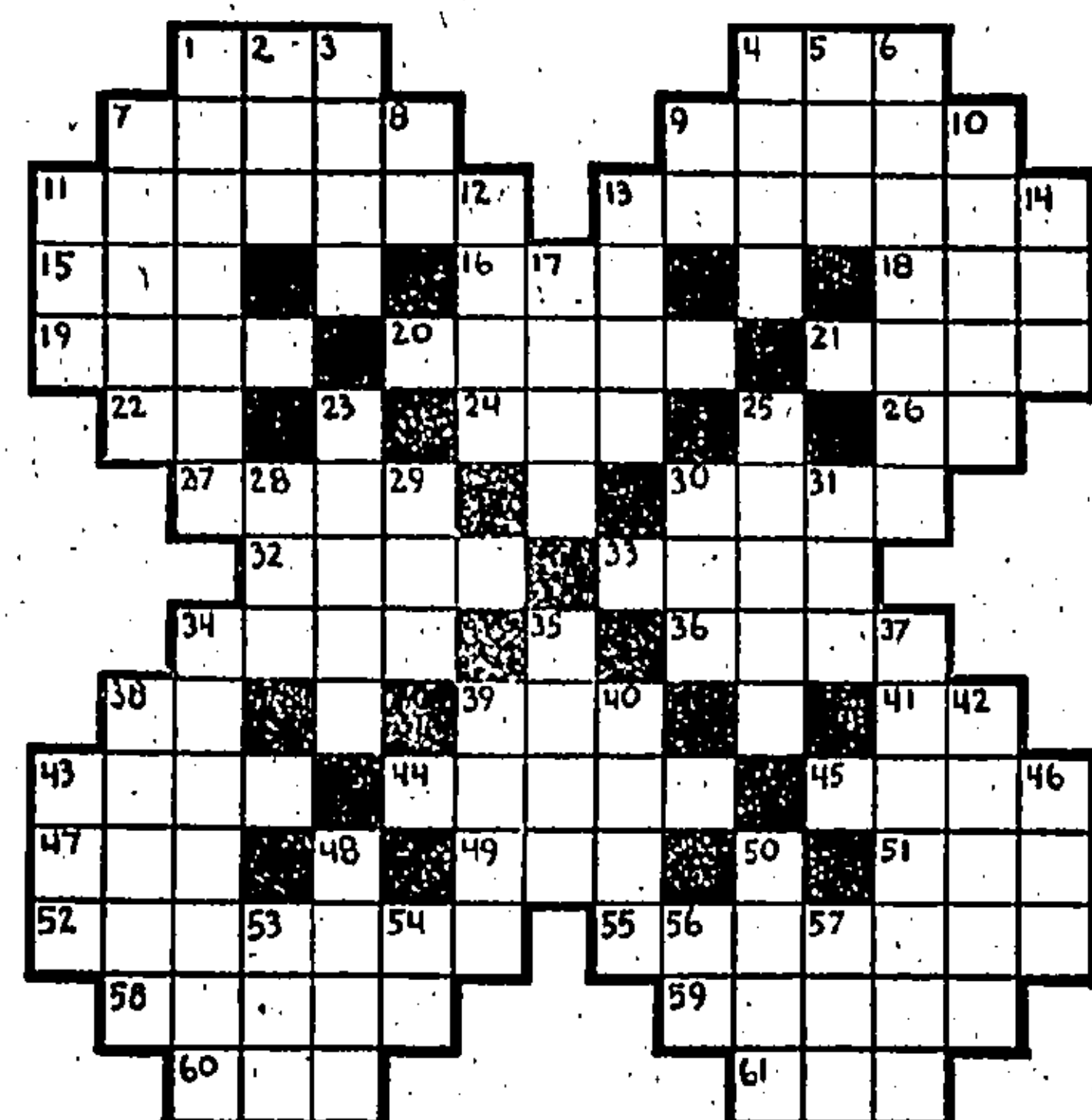
There are suits of white corded
silk worn with blouses of white or
pale pink georgette with double-
breasted jacket of two thirds
length made with godets and scal-
loped around the edge in three or
four sweeping curves. Several of
the black coats and jackets in this
heavy silk are embroidered in
bands of white wool or trimmed
with rows of white braid and there
is one in white silk which is em-
broidered in short diagonal bands
of black wool. White coats of
heavy wool for sports are often
trimmed with pipings of sports
and worn with wide belts of black
patent leather. Large flat white
pearl buttons are used on a num-
ber of the street frocks and others
have a round silver button at the
neck and wrists. The coats are,
as a rule, quite full at the back
often with a yoke.

A very wide belt of suede or in
the material of the frock with a
plain, square nickel buckle is a
novelty which is seen not only on
the sports costumes, but on some
of the afternoon frocks as well.
Another novelty is a very interest-
ing arrangement of a kerchief
around the neck which is shown on
any number of models. This
hangs loosely below the neck at
the back with a little up-standing
upper edge. One of the most
striking of these is in yellow net
embroidered in gold paillettes worn
with a frock of yellow tulle.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert

but our readers are warned to look out for occasional
phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1-Pastry
- 4-Mineral spring
- 7-Tint
- 9-Waste lands
(Gt. Brit.)
- 11-Brawl
- 13-Separating
- 15-An age
- 16-Article
- 18-A place for live
animals
- 19-Stew
- 20-Twenty
- 21-A kind of wine
- 22-Postscript (abbr.)
- 24-Of high temperature
- 26-Point of the
compass (abbr.)
- 27-Exactly like
another
- 30-Supplication
- 32-A covering for the
head
- 33-A pond
- 34-Young horse
- 35-Stupid (slang)
- 38-Exclamation
- 39-A flap
- 41-Suffix. Pertaining
to
- 43-To sharpen
- 44-One who bakes

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 45-Fluent
- 47-Not in
- 49-Know (Scotch)
- 51-Non-professional
pronoun
- 52-Suggest
- 55-To assert positively
- 58-A billow
- 59-A plant of the
mustard family
- 60-A grain
- 61-Consumes

VERTICAL

- 1-One who plays a
piano
- 2-Hotel
- 3-Urges
- 4-To separate into
classes
- 5-A culinary vessel
- 6-A state in the U. S.
- 7-A body of soldiers
- 8-A diminutive suffix
- 9-Nickname for
mother
- 10-To breathe noisily
in sleep
- 11-Spun by a spider
- 12-To engrave
- 13-Saucy
- 14-Procured
- 17-The cry of an owl

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 23-Girl's name
- 25-To scoff at
- 28-Interrogative
pronoun
- 29-In no manner
- 30-A seed-capsule
- 31-A kind of tree
- 34-Outline
- 35-Track left by vessel
passing thru
water
- 37-Used on ships to
maintain
equilibrium
- 38-Period of time
(pl.)
- 39-To secure
- 40-To curve
- 42-Prevaricators
- 43-To jump on one
foot
- 44-A run scored at
cricket
- 48-Chief magistrate of
old Venice
- 50-A measure of land
- 53-To look into slyly
- 54-Point of the
compass (abbr.)
- 56-Prefix meaning out
of
- 57-A grassy field

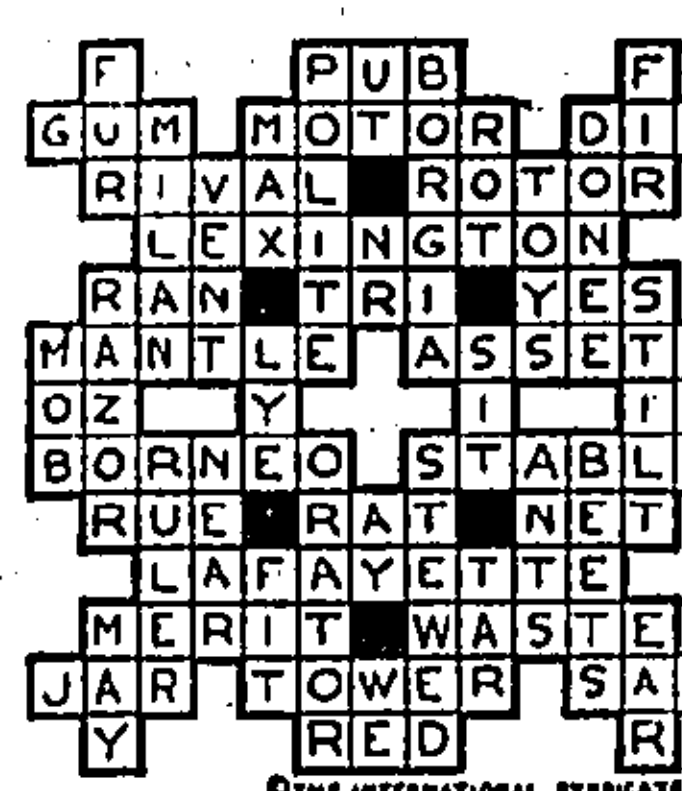
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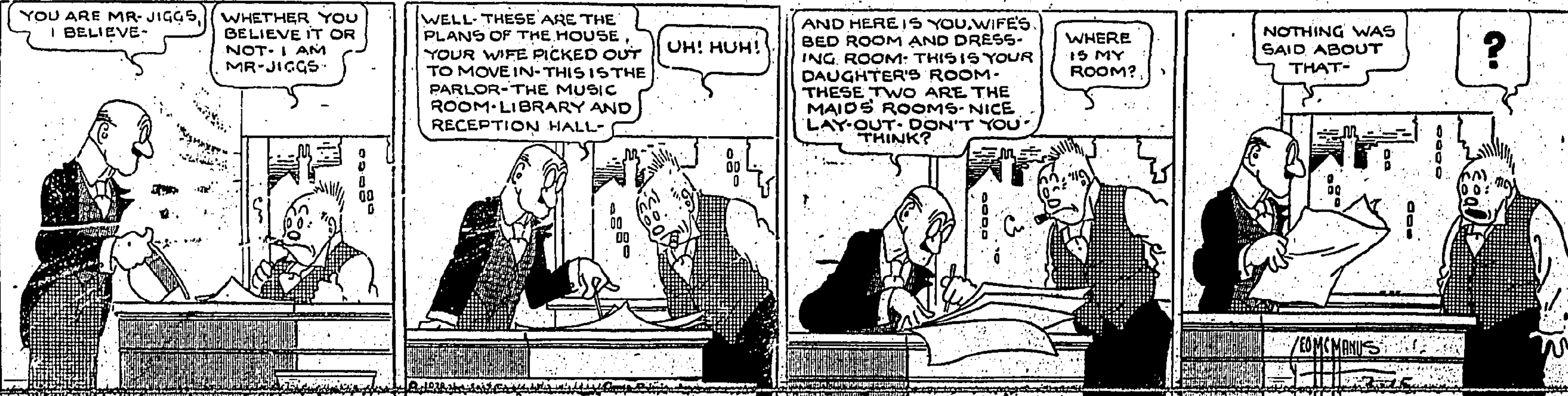
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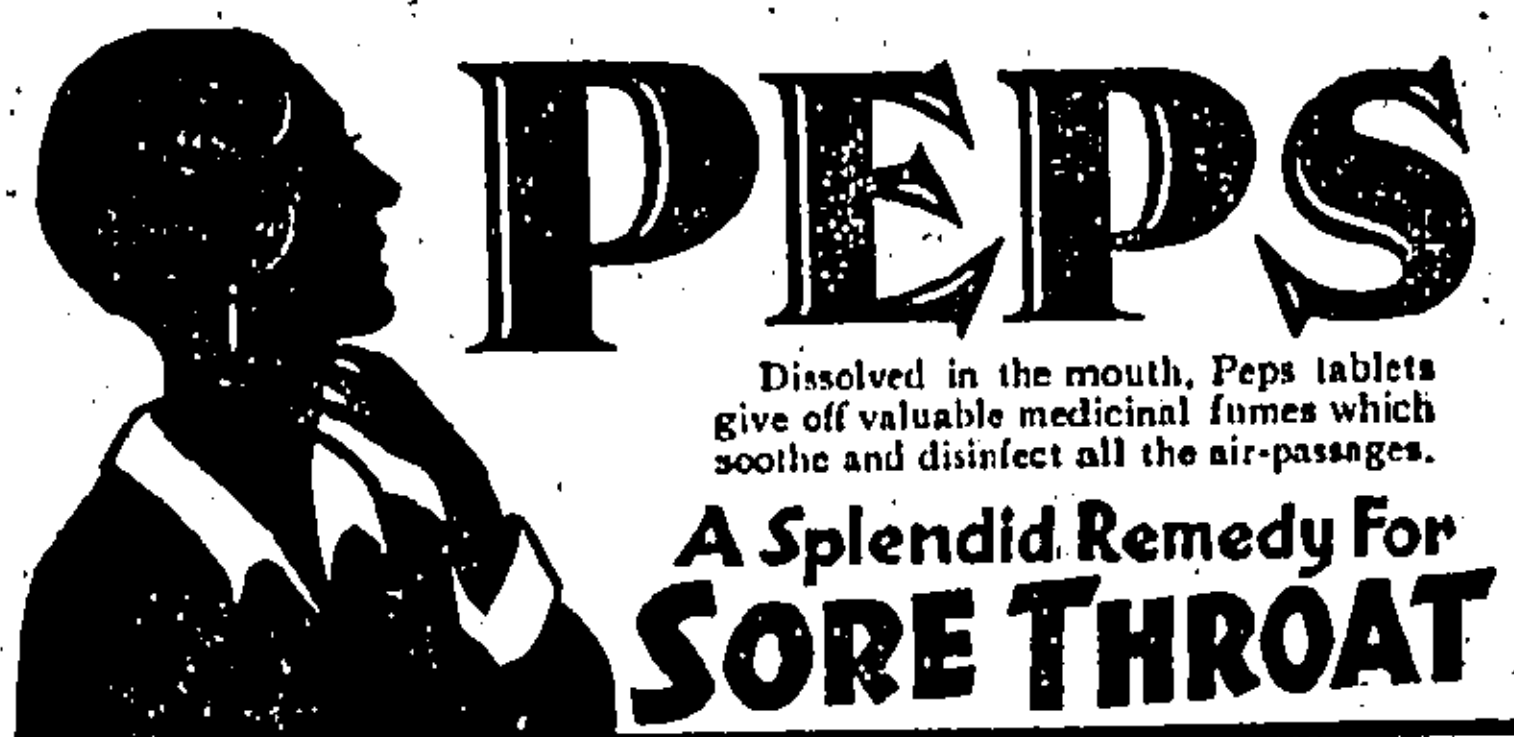
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BROKEN CONDITIONS.

In the House of Commons the recent events and British relations with King Ibn Saud formed the subject of a number of questions to Ministers.

Mr. Amery (Secretary for the Colonies), replying to Sir W. Davison (U. Kensington, S.), stated that the total cost to the British Government of the subsidies paid to King Ibn Saud during the years 1917 to 1923, was approximately \$542,000. No subsidy whatever was paid before the year 1917 or after the year 1923. The subsidy was given in the first instance in consideration of assistance in the war against Turkey. The later payments were made subject to the following conditions, namely:

(1) That Ibn Saud refrained, and restrained his adherents, from aggressive action against the Hejaz, Kuwait, and Iraq.

(2) That he afforded co-operation in the matter of the Haj (pilgrimage to Mecca) by maintaining the safety of pilgrim routes to his territory.

(3) That he consented to be guided generally by the wishes of his Majesty's Government in regard to his foreign policy, and to co-operate with them in promoting their own policy, which had for its object the maintenance of peaceful conditions in Arab countries and the promotion of the economic interests of both parties.

Sir W. Davison: Is there any arrangement for the repayment of this large sum of money in the event of the agreement not being kept?

Mr. Amery: No, sir.

Offer of a Conference.

Replying to Mr. Buxton (Lab. Soc., Norfolk, North), Mr. Amery said there was no evidence that Ibn Saud was directly responsible for the recent raids by Akhwan tribes into Irak territory, which, however, it would be scarcely correct to describe as an invasion.

His Majesty's Government had been in frequent communication with King Ibn Saud. As long ago as last December they suggested that a meeting should be arranged at a convenient spot between his Majesty and the British Resident in the Persian Gulf to discuss any matter in dispute. That suggestion had been repeated several times since, but the King had not so far seen fit to avail himself of the opportunity offered him for a

full discussion of outstanding questions.

Mr. Buxton: Is diplomatic contact chiefly maintained at Bagdad or at Cairo?

Mr. Amery: It is maintained chiefly at Ibn Saud's own headquarters, but there are also opportunities of diplomatic contact at Cairo.

Lieut.-Comdr. Kenworthy (Lab. Soc., Hull, Central): Is the right hon. gentleman aware that the Wahabis declare that the first raids came from our side of the frontier, and will he have the matter thoroughly investigated? Further, is he aware that this is the national sport of the tribes in that part of the world, and their only sport? (Laughter.)

Mr. Amery was understood to say that he was not aware that that was their only sport, and added that he had made investigations in this matter, and they did not confirm the view that the raids had been begun on the Irak side of the frontier.

Lieut.-Comdr. Kenworthy: It is probably six of one and half a dozen of the other.

No Troops From India.

Mr. Amery informed Captain Eden (U. Warwick and Leamington) regarding the raids by Wahabi tribesmen that he could add nothing to his reply of March 8. He should like to correct a statement in the Press to the effect that troops had been sent from India to Kuwait in connection with the difficulties in Irak. There was not a word of truth in that statement. He had no confirmation of the report that Ibn Saud had declared a Holy War, or that he had identified himself in any way with such a movement. (Hear, hear.)



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ARTIST'S PROTEST.

HIS BANNED PICTURE OF NUDES.

THE GRUNDIANS.

A long-standing subject of controversy—the suitability of exhibiting in public galleries pictures of the nude—has been revived by the banning of Mr. Ernest Procter's picture "The Judgment of Paris," by the curator of the Northampton Art Gallery, Mr. Reginald W. Brown.

The picture, which was recently exhibited at Birmingham, shows the shepherd Paris, who, in the Greek legend, was called on to award a golden apple to the fairest of the three goddesses, Aphrodite, Hera, and Athena. The three goddesses, nude, are seen awaiting the shepherd's judgment.

Mr. Procter's Position.

Mr. Brown has refused to discuss his decision and Mr. Procter writes as follows to "The Daily Mail" from North Corner, Newlyn, Penzance:

Sir,—Mr. Brown's ban on my picture at Northampton has received so much publicity that I feel it necessary to state my position.

The pictures at Northampton have been publicly exhibited in London, and many of them reproduced in the Press, without any adverse comment. The question at issue is, therefore, not of the individual indecency of these pictures, but of the intrinsic indecency of the human figure.

Mr. Brown and his Grundian supporters consider God guilty of immorality—I do not. If Mr. Brown is right, every public collection in England should be immediately closed or purged of practically all Egyptian, Greek, and Indian art, and of most of the old European masters.

Mr. Brown's attitude has reduced sculpture in England to a dead art and driven such men as Mr. Epstein from the country. It induces people to look at pictures as anything but art. Over and above this he even refuses to give his reasons, and I would point out that this is personally damaging to me. Parents will think twice before allowing their children to attend an art class run by a painter of "banned" pictures, while the clergy can scarcely be expected to select me as a suitable church decorator.

Ernest Procter.

Mr. Procter's picture was exhibited at the summer exhibition of the Royal Academy at Burlington House last year.

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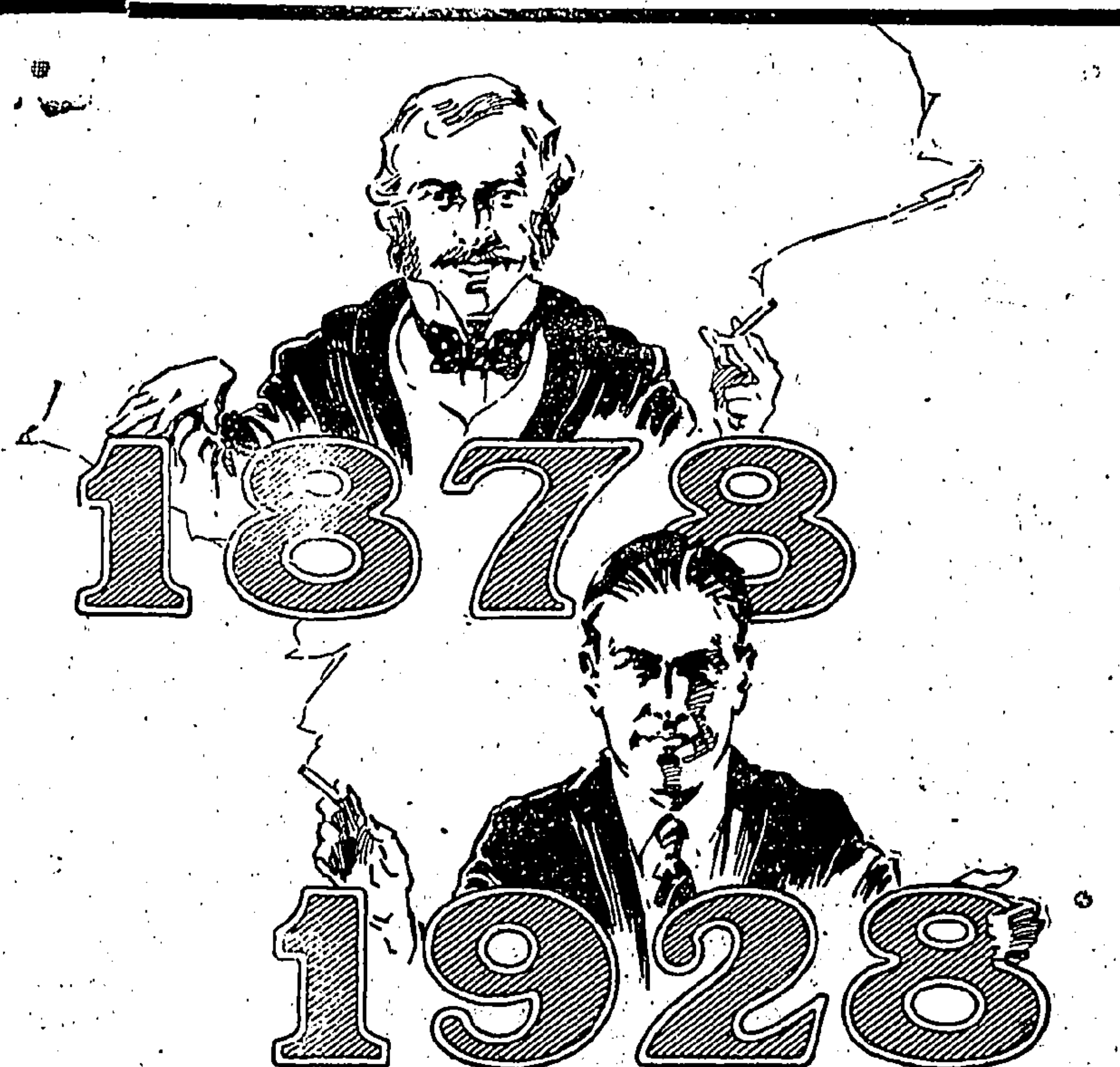
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SHIPPING DEAL.

Commonwealth Line Purchased.

"WHITE STAR'S" OFFER.

\$1,900,000 Accepted by Australian Federal Govt.

Canberra, Yesterday.
The Federal Government has accepted Lord Kysant's tender to purchase the Commonwealth Line for \$1,900,000 sterling.
The Australian Commonwealth Line, which Lord Kysant is acquiring from the Government, comprises five "Bay" passenger cargo vessels, each of 14,000 tons gross, and two cargo vessels of 10,000 tons each.

Union Opposition.
Anticipations in Australia that Lord Kysant would be the successful tenderer have aroused opposition in the maritime workers' unions, who believe that conditions of employment will be adversely altered. They have threatened to declare all vessels controlled by Lord Kysant "black."

The New Name.
Lord Kysant, interviewed by Reuter, said he was gratified to hear that the Commonwealth Government had accepted the tender he had submitted on behalf of the White Star Line. He pointed out that he was already interested in the Australian shipping trade, not only through the White Star, but the century old Aberdeen Line. He declared that the new service will be conducted under the latter's flag, and will be called the Aberdeen and Commonwealth Line.

Other Tenderers.
Canberra, Later.
Other tenderers were Sir Walter Runciman with \$1,250,000 and Sir James Connolly, \$1,575,000.—Reuter.

FRENCH "REDS."

UNSUCCESSFUL APPEAL AGAINST SENTENCE.

FOOLISH ARTICLE.

Paris, Yesterday.
The appeal has been heard against the sentence in default of ten months' imprisonment and a fine of 1,000 francs for inciting soldiers to insubordination, passed on the Communist deputy Vaillant Couturier in connection with an article published in L'Humanite on March 3, 1927, calling on French soldiers in China to fraternise with Chinese workers.

The appellant was present with a number of communists including Doriot. After evidence the conviction was upheld.—Reuter.

GREECE'S 'QUAKE.

CORINTH TOWN SERIOUSLY DAMAGED.

BRITISH NAVY HELPS.

Athens, Yesterday.
Ministers who have returned from Corinth estimate the losses there at \$800,000 sterling, and the total earthquake damage at \$2,500,000. A correspondent states only fifty out of three thousand houses in Corinth are standing, and they are badly damaged. British sailors have rendered splendid service. Twenty are dead and a hundred injured at Lutraki: the baths are not damaged.—Reuter.

ACROSS THE POLE.

AMERICA TO THE FAR EAST.

QUICKEST ROUTE.

New York, April 23.
All Arctic explorers, including Commander Byrd and Stefansson, declare that the Wilkins Flight confirms the theory that the best air route from America to the Far East would be across the North Pole.

"It would be possible by the trans-Pole route to reduce the present distance from New York to Peking from ten thousand miles to seven thousand miles."—Reuter.

MR. E. RALPHS.

St. John Ambulance Presentation.

14 YEARS' SERVICE.

Tribute From Brigade Officers And Members.

Mr. E. Ralphs, Commander of the Order of St. John, the Assistant Commissioner (in charge of the district) for the district staff, Hong Kong Corps, of the St. John Ambulance Brigade was the recipient of a magnificent lacquer tea-set to-day from the officers and members of the Brigade on the occasion of his impending departure on leave.

A tribute to his fourteen years of meritorious and voluntary service was paid by Mr. Ho Kom-tong, O.B.E., Knight of Grace of the Order of St. John, a District Officer in the Brigade.
Mr. Ralphs, however, insisted that it was he who should thank the officers and members for the high standard they had brought the Brigade to.

Representative Attendance.
Among those present at the function were Mr. A. Morris, A.C.P., M.R.San.I., District Superintendent; Mr. Ho Kom-tong; Dr. W. B. A. Moore and Dr. D. J. Valentine, Corps Surgeons; Mr. G. W. C. Burnett, Corps Officer; Mr. T. K. Chak, Corps Officer; Dr. Ma Luk, Supernumerary Divisional Surgeon; Mr. Ip Lan-chuen, J.P., secretary of the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Brigade finance committee; Mr. I. B. Trevor, Divisional Superintendent, Kowloon-Canton Railway Division; Mr. C. H. Blason, Divisional Superintendent, Shaikwan Division; Mr. E. Savage, Divisional Superintendent, Kowloon Division; Mr. Choa, St. Joseph's College Division; Miss Taang Yiu-chung, Nursing Officer, No. 2 Nursing Division, representing the Nursing Divisions.

Mr. Ho Kom-tong.
Addressing the gathering, Mr. Ho Kom-tong said that on the occasion of the approaching departure of Mr. Ralphs, he deemed it a great pleasure and an honour to undertake the pleasant duty of making Mr. Ralphs a presentation which was only a grateful acknowledgment to Mr. Ralphs and was due to his untiring zeal and services to the St. John Ambulance Brigade during the past fourteen years or more.

The work of Mr. Ralphs had been appreciated more and more. It was only fitting that the officers and members should give him a token of the high esteem in which he was held. They took the opportunity to bid Mr. and Mrs. Ralphs and family au revoir, to wish him a pleasant voyage and a splendid holiday. (Prolonged applause).
Mr. Ralphs's Reply.
In reply, Mr. Ralphs said that it was very embarrassing to receive such a beautiful present as thanks ought really to go from him to all ranks in the St. John Ambulance Brigade. His work would have been quite futile, Mr. Ralphs continued, had it not been for the support given him by all, support which had been given freely, willingly and energetically. The success was due entirely to the co-operation of all officers and members.

Mr. Ho Kom-tong had referred to the period of service as fourteen years, said Mr. Ralphs. It was about fourteen years ago—just at the beginning of the War—that Mrs. Ralphs and he became the first members, and then Dr. Koch joined. Work at first had been very difficult; very few knew anything about it and very few were willing to join.
"Success Assured."
Mr. Ralphs mentioned the great help Mr. Ho Kom-tong had been. Mr. Ho's nephew had joined and then other helpers came along; and hard work had made the Brigade a very fine corps. He was confident that they would keep the work going. "I know when I say," Mr. Ralphs continued, "that when I go, the work will be carried on by Mr. Morris (who is taking my place) and that officers and members of all ranks will give him the same help which they give me." "The success of the St. John Ambulance Brigade is assured."

Weakness or Fondness.
The source of all the trouble, Mr. Potter told the jury, was Fok Chun-yuen, one of the two sons in Fook Lee & Co., the other being Fok Tat-fai—whom Mr. Potter described as the "villains of the piece" and referred to as "the two Foks." There was another son who was complicit in the messrs. Simmonds. For the latter the father (plaintiff) had stood guarantee and had had to make good \$27,000 losses.
Plaintiff was reluctant to come into Court and say that his son was a swindler. Accordingly, he had offered defendants \$125,000 in settlement, not wishing to take any advantage of what his son had done. However, Mr. Potter continued, defendants had taken the offer as a sign of weakness (in the plaintiff's case) and not a sign of fondness of a father for a son. The defendants insisted on \$155,000 in cash and a piece of property valued at about \$20,000, making \$175,000 in all, although the mortgage had only been for \$110,000.

Early History.
The father (plaintiff) had left his deeds in the safe of Fook Lee & Co., York Building, and everybody had a right to leave their deeds wherever they pleased, Mr. Potter added.
Mr. Potter then referred to the giving of a power of attorney by the plaintiff to his son, and the project of amalgamation between Fook Lee & Co. (the "two sons' firm") and Messrs. Simmonds (to which another son was complicit, guaranteed by the father).
Case proceeding.

And I shall treasure such a fine expression of goodwill towards me and will keep it till the end of my days.

CAMP TRAGEDY.

Service Man Shoots Himself.

AN ACCIDENT.

Automatic Pistol Goes Off Whilst Being Unloaded.

Able Seaman G. Othen, of 442 Flight, Fleet Air Arm, stationed at the Kai Tak Aerodrome, a native of Dorsetshire and aged about 24 years, accidentally and fatally shot himself at five o'clock this morning in a cook-house in the camp.

Othen had been employed on police duty in the camp and was unloading his Colt automatic when the weapon discharged a shot. He was wounded in the left breast just above the heart. Death occurred within a few minutes, for by the time a comrade who was in the kitchen with the deceased had returned with the camp doctor Othen had succumbed.
Othen was unmarried.

TEAPOT DOME.

THE AMERICAN PRESS SHOCKED.

PARTY CRITICISM.

New York, Yesterday.
The Press is shocked at the acquittal of Harry Sinclair, and all papers comment strongly on the verdict. The Democratic "New York World" says the case can neither vindicate Sinclair morally, nor enhance the prestige of the United States jury system.
Sinclair had not attempted any self-vindication, nor appeared in the witness box, which an innocent man with a straight-forward story would have done.

The Republican paper, the "Evening Post," says he was acquitted on technicalities, and declares that in the moral estimation of the country he stands where he did prior to the verdict; unless he has descended a few steps lower.—Reuter's American Service.

"TWO VILLAINS."

(Continued from Page 1.)

Plaintiff had been very successful in spite of his deafness, said Mr. Potter. The Fook Lee firm in Hillier-street—not to be confused with Fook Lee and Co., of York-building, which two of plaintiff's five sons started—was begun in the 'sixties or early 'seventies and plaintiff disposed of it in 1923.

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Mr. Potter then referred to the giving of a power of attorney by the plaintiff to his son, and the project of amalgamation between Fook Lee & Co. (the "two sons' firm") and Messrs. Simmonds (to which another son was complicit, guaranteed by the father).
Case proceeding.

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